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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 3:33 PM
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Fw: aces oped.doc

Attachments: Palin Op Ed - BA edits.docx



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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 15:09:53 2007
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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 8:40 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); bruceanders888@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Fw: aces oped.doc

kris- can you open and cut/paste _ i can't open this on home pc, nor blackberry thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 11:46 AM
To: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Beth and Harry

Just spoke with both of them. They are very angry, hurt, disappointed and distrustful of our process now. They were led to believe their criteria was our criteria in crunching numbers that led to their "solution" (that even I got excited about again) that was based on gross, that they rolled out for us the other day. They feel very deceived.

I apologized profusely - and I PROMISED we'd grant their request that their scenerios WOULD BE run through all the same tests we used. I promised them this.

Beth also still has heartburn over deduction language- I told her Joe would work with her on any specific concerns there and we'd help plug in a better solution if there is one.

Please grant their request Pat. Have your folks run their numbers, work with Beth on this- she wants to trust us and I want to work with her. Pls let me know how that goes...

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [sharon.leighow@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:12 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); ExternalEmailgsp; Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: RE: aces oped.doc
Governor-

Joe Balash is working on the initial draft. Matt Zencey says a Thursday publication is unlikely given his deadline but can guarantee a Friday slot.

Sharon

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 9:08 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Christmas open house

Yes, thanks for forwarding this to me! Funny thing is I've been leaving msgs. and trying to contact her.

Thanks- Erika

----- Original Message -----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 09:05:30 2007
Subject: FW: Christmas open house

Erika,

Is this something that you would take care of???

Donna Collins

From: Tom & Lorraine Marshall [mailto:tlmarshl@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 3:59 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Christmas open house

Hello. I would like to know who to contact to see if I can get my singing group on the list of musicians for the Christmas open house at the mansion. If you could forward this email, I would appreciate it. Sincerely, Lorraine Marshall, 789-0329

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 8:43 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Dessert banquet invite

J pls find details and respond to Cyndi after we get details.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: Cyndi Saunders <cyndi@tecpro.com>

Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 08:13:12

Subject: Dessert banquet invite

Hello,

Please join Wes and I at the fundraiser for Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Sorry for the late invite. (we will be in town now as we have had schedule changes) so we wanted to host a table to support C.P.C.

Please see below for the information.

Reggie is an amazing man. I think you will be blessed.

Please call or email with your regrets or RSVP so I can plan.

Thank you in advance.

Cyndi Saunders

ChangePoint Ambassador to Crisis Pregnancy Center

www.cpcanchorage.com <<http://www.cpcanchorage.com>>

www.changepointalaska.com <<http://www.changepointalaska.com>>

He has a good plan for your life Romans. 8:28

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:48 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Telephone Message

Governor – You just received a call from Dino Rossi – Washington State. He would like to speak with you in regards to you possibly coming down to the State to support him. Dino can be reached on cell @: 425-555-3466. Thanks, Janice

8/24/2009

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 1:43 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); kris.perry@alaska.gov
Subject: Rural Advisor - Rural CAP

Governor,

A few weeks back there was discussion about having the Governor's Representative on Rural CAP be filled by the Rural Advisor / Coordinator position. Annette Kreitzer is currently filling the position and agreed that this would be the best fit.

Now that we have Rhonda named, are you good with us moving forward to have her appointed as the Governor's Rep starting the beginning of the year?

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Director, Boards and Commissions
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
907-269-7450

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 4:28 PM
To: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: aces oped.doc

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-Pat

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On re-read and in light of the progress we've made tonight, I think we should Privileged or Per
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-Pat

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I'm looking at a couple other suggested comments Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Let me keep looking and comparing and incorporating...

And thank you guys for the great job putting this together.

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
To: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 18:44:03 2007
Subject: Re: aces oped.doc

Ok boss, Pat and I are getting nervous that you haven't responded or provided any feedback. If you don't like our approach, we can go back to the drawing board tonight. Tomorrow will be a busy day, though, and we want to get it in for Friday.

----- Original Message -----

From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 16:24:11 2007
Subject: RE: aces oped.doc

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 8:29 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Pls forward to anthony scott

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: postmaster@state.ak.us

Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 07:25:39

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

This is an automatically generated Delivery Status Notification.

Delivery to the following recipients failed.

anthony.scott@alaska.gov

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 11:39 AM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: FW: Elections

FYI - Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 11:36 AM
To: roguegrizzly@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: Elections

Dear Mr. Bettis:

Thank you for your kind email.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:31 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. Jim Bettis

address: 20606 Lorain Rd., Apt. D-14 Fairview Park OH 44126
440-356-6347

MESSAGE:

Dearest Sarah,

Imagine my surprise when I found out that you had been elected to be the Governor of Alaska! Wow! It really is true that you've come a long way, baby. I hope you don't still hold a grudge for my editorial cartoons in the Frontiersman. Had I known you were running for Governor, believe it or not, I would've certainly offered my artistic services in your favor. You might think that I was more of an adversary but in reality, I was very pleased with you as the Mayor of Wasilla. The last Governor I knew personally, was Jay Hammond.

If anyone were to ask me if I felt YOU were qualified to be Alaska's Governor, I would have answered with a resounding yes. I just wanted to write you and tell you that I am delighted to hear of your successful bid for Governor and I hope you will remain as

such for a very long time.

My most sincere wishes for your successful tenure.

Sincerely,

Jim Bettis

roguegrizzly@sbcglobal.net

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 4:16 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: Pipeline pix

Governor – These are great. They have been forwarded to our video guys too. We can print them out if you would like. Janice

From: Weimer, Rebecca E (DOL)
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 4:00 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Mills, Andy J (GOV)
Subject: FW: Pipeline pix

Commissioner Bishop wanted to make sure your office received these.

Thanks,
Becky

Becky Weimer

Regulations Specialist / Commissioner's Scheduler
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Commissioner's Office
(907) 465-2709 phone
(907) 465-2784 fax

From: Darlene Bishop [mailto:bish@alaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 6:26 AM
To: Labor, Commissioner (DOL sponsored)
Subject: Pipeline pix



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Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 10:26 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Juneau

I just returned again to wasilla - so I, too, will try this again tomorrow!

-----Original Message-----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Nov 1, 2007 7:58 PM
Subject: Juneau

So my flight from Juneau got cancelled tonight and I am scheduled out tomorrow on the 12:45 flight. Looks like there's a reason for me to be here tonight or tomorrow. :)

Did you get held in ANC today?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Juneau

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Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 5:27 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Vic

That's crazy! 3 down...

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Sent: Thu Nov 01 14:20:24 2007
Subject: Vic

Guilty on three of four federal counts. Yikes... that's prison.

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To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Letter with ADN column

Great!

----- Original Message -----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Nov 01 17:05:16 2007
Subject: Letter with ADN column

The letter was hand-delivered to leg offices this afternoon.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Governor

State of Alaska

907-465-3443

907-723-1321

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 4:55 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Board Spots

Sure thing I can look into the Lands arena as well.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Sent: Thu Nov 01 16:30:47 2007
Subject: Re: Board Spots

Maybe something with lands?

My dad says he loves your letter about the farmer used to smelling the smell... Mom loves it too!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 16:15:43
To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Board Spots

Oh yes.....Kerm mentioned him as well...and he MIGHT be a good candidate for the
Privileged board that we have not been able to fill.

Privileged

Kerm feels that a Chuck Heath should be your official unpaid advisor for all statewide game issues.

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Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 4:14 PM

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

Subject: Re: Board Spots

Before I forget- my former employee Don Moore (also former mat su boro manager) will serve for us. He's so smart- he'd be perfect at anything tough.

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From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 16:01:37

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Board Spots

Governor,

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Here is the rundown on these Boards:

Cora has put together the following and vetted the following two boards:

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Phew...this hits you with a big list. I'm sorry. Let me know any questions or concerns you may have. This will cover 20 more slots.

Next on the plate will be NPFMC, Denali Commission Rural Transportation slots, Supreme Court, Humanities Forum, Alcoholic Beverage Board, Public Broadcasting, a Body Piercer/Tattoo artist, Alberta-Alaska Bilateral Commission.

Director, Boards and Commissions

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To: 'ftb907@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp
Subject: Fw: aces oped.doc

This isn't slamming anyone...

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From: Anders, Bruce F (DNR)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 15:09:53 2007
Subject: RE: aces oped.doc

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Unfortunately, today is a disaster -- big things exploding in my oil and gas world, so this was a major rush job. And I will not breach surface until tonight. But here are my thoughts, for what they are worth, based upon your original draft.

Bruce

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:06 AM
To: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); ExternalEmailgsp; Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
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Subject: Re: "Trifecta of Absurdity"

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Subject: "Trifecta of Absurdity"

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Ramras hits a trifecta

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Next, Ramras compared himself to the famous unknown protester in China who stopped a line of tanks in Tiananmen Square during a brief uprising in the late 1980s. If necessary, Ramras said, he'd do the same -- meaning, presumably, he'd stand up to the oppressive power of the state Legislature and governor and defend the poor, powerless oil companies of Alaska.

Finally, Ramras complained about how hard it is to be an oil company in Alaska. Those poor companies, he said -- the masses of Alaskans just don't understand how hard it is to scour the world looking for oil and try to keep making more money so your shareholders will be happy.

Memo to Rep. Ramras: Oil company shareholders aren't the ones you're paid to worry about. Check your Alaska Constitution. You're paid to worry about Alaskans, who are shareholders in Alaska's oil wealth. Your job is, as the Alaska Constitution says, to get Alaskans the maximum benefit from the development of those publicly owned resources.

There's plenty of room to disagree about what "maximum benefit" means when a legislator is making oil tax decisions. In that debate, Alaska's oil companies and supporters have no trouble making their voices heard, without the rhetorical excesses of Jay Ramras.

BOTTOM LINE: Some legislators don't know when they are hurting their own cause.

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: DOJ

FYI-i am meeting with a lawyer from Dept of Justice today in Juneau re Elections issues. I am working to comply with their desire to have six different Native tongues available on the touch screen voting machines. We already provide language assistance in certain precincts, but we don't have audio recordings available on the touchscreens in the Native dialects. Justice threatened to sue over it before picking up the phone to tell us they thought we had a problem. Seems like a suit happy time of year for folks.

Sean

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 6:04 AM
To: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: aces oped.doc

I'm still tweaking it- then have to run to kulis for deployment...

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
To: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 21:52:44 2007
Subject: Re: aces oped.doc

Got it. Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 21:51:44 2007
Subject: RE: aces oped.doc

On re-read and in light of the progress we've made tonight, I think we should
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-Pat

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 9:42 PM
To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Subject: Re: aces oped.doc

I'm looking at a couple other suggested comments
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and incorporating...

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Let me keep looking and comparing

And thank you guys for the great job putting this together.

----- Original Message -----

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

To: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Wed Oct 31 18:44:03 2007

Subject: Re: aces oped.doc

Ok boss, Pat and I are getting nervous that you haven't responded or provided any feedback. If you don't like our approach, we can go back to the drawing board tonight. Tomorrow will be a busy day, though, and we want to get it in for Friday.

----- Original Message -----

From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Sent: Wed Oct 31 16:24:11 2007

Subject: RE: aces oped.doc

Joe and I are done with a draft and will send it in 5 minutes.

-Pat

PS: Beth will be fine and ready to work with us beginning tomorrow. Thank you for calling her, it went a long way.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

To: "Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Sent: 10/31/2007 3:13 PM

Subject: Fw: aces oped.doc

Bruce's suggestions

----- Original Message -----

From: Anders, Bruce F (DNR)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 31 15:09:53 2007
Subject: RE: aces oped.doc

I've heard nothing from Joe or the writing team, and have no idea if drafts are in the works. So I am apologetically sending my thoughts to you directly, as I don't know if something with my name on it will see the light of day otherwise.

Unfortunately, today is a disaster -- big things exploding in my oil and gas world, so this was a major rush job. And I will not breach surface until tonight. But here are my thoughts, for what they are worth, based upon your original draft.

Bruce

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:06 AM
To: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); ExternalEmailgsp; Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: aces oped.doc

something like this... and I know it's harsh and hard - but tweak it please while retaining the tone... Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Beth and

Sharon - pls keep me in the loop as this is being tweaked, and pls coordinate the effort so we're not all stepping on each other through the process.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 1:05 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: uschamber.com Monthly: Investing In The Future

From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 9:21 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: uschamber.com Monthly: Investing In The Future

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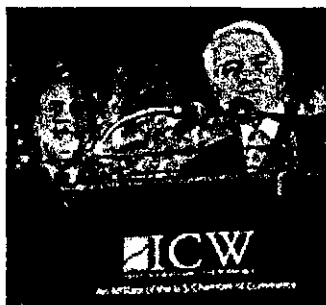
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Chamber Summit Focuses on Education, Workforce

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke, speaking at the U.S. Chamber's Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW) Summit, offered advice to business and community leaders - invest in education. "As an investment, education provides excellent returns, both for individuals and for society," Bernanke said at the fourth annual Education and Workforce Summit in Washington, D.C.

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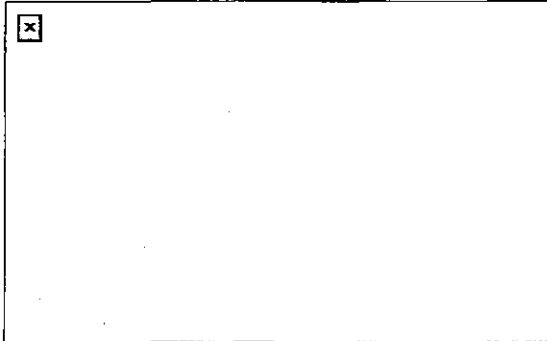
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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 2:33 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Kohring guilty

Kohring found guilty on most counts



Vic Kohring talks to the media Wednesday at the Anchorage federal courthouse. A jury convicted him on three of four charges today.

Former state Rep. Vic Kohring was convicted this afternoon of three of four counts of corruption for selling influence to Veco Corp. executives. A federal jury found him guilty of conspiracy, attempted extortion and bribery. He was found not guilty of extortion 2:19 p.m. AKST

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 8:09 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Wolf Tests Positive for Rabies

The Wolf carcass was tested last night and came back positive. F&G is working with health officials in the YK area. This advisory release went out last night from F&G.

Mike N

From: Clarke, Ronald G (DFG)
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 7:48 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Wolf Tests Positive for Rabies

Hi Mike,

Just wanted to be sure you heard about this and passed the word to the appropriate folks at the OOG. People get a little jumpy when they hear the word "rabies," and rightly so. Holler if you have any questions (cell: 321-4528). We're steering inquiries to a couple of level-headed PIOs, Cathie Harms (ADF&G) and Greg Wilkinson (DHSS), and State Veterinarian Bob Gerlach (DEC) is prepared to talk to callers if need be. I'd like to hear about it if anyone contacts your office about this.

rgc

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 5:20 PM
To: kris.perry@alaska.gov; gov.sarah@yahoo.com; fek9wnr@yahoo.com; sharon.leighow@alaska.gov
Subject: FW: Rural CAP

Pictures of Rhonda's 13yr old dressed up as a Moose Nugget.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rhonda McBride [mailto:rhonda9hats@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 4:51 PM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Re: Rural CAP

Frank,

Hope you had a fun night with the "Bailey munchkins." My son is 13. It's hard to believe he was once a munchin. Am attaching some pix of his costume. Of all things... he decided he wanted to be a "moose nugget." I guess he's a real Alaska boy.

As for your questions about Rural CAP... I'm familiar with the agency, but not with the Governor's appointment. With my graveyard schedule, I've not been so good about reading the newspaper thoroughly. So I'm not sure what you're referring to.

Is an appointment about to be made?

Thanks,

Rhonda

RHONDA MCBRIDE'S CONTACT INFO:

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On Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at 04:41PM, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)"
<frank.bailey@alaska.gov> wrote:

>Hi Rhonda,

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>I understand from Kris that you're working grave shift right now so I

>don't want to take the chance of waking you with a "middle of your

>night" phone call. Can you give me a quick shout when you get a chance

>regarding the Governor's appointment to Rural CAP?

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>269-7459's the desk and it'll ring to my cell this evening...although I

>may be out trick or treating with the Bailey munchkins.

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>Thanx!

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIYE]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 5:58 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Don testifying at 6:00 in (S) JUD

New and Improved Testimony...it's still all about the love for SP and ACES

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 9:51 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)
Subject: email

Dear Governor Palin,

Commissioner Kreitzer and I have a proposed form for you regarding email. If you have time today let me know when and I will bring it over and conference call Comm. Kreitzer (she is in Juneau) from your office to explain the form. Talis

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 8:43 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Cancellation of 10:00 a.m. deployment today!

Governor - I just spoke with McHugh Pierre. The deployment that we had on your schedule for 10:00 a.m. today happened yesterday morning. There was no ceremony - it was just a handful that deployed for 45 days. Apparently it was continuation of group that went out Sunday evening (Lt. Gov) attended that one. Sorry for any inconvenience. Janice

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 11:03 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Board Slots

Governor,

I'd like to grab 20min with you to cover some Board spots that we've been working to fill or re-up. There are two that Cora has set up for us, two task-forces that I want to finalize, and two other slots.

20min will be sufficient. Any time your sked allows.

Thanks much.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 12:21 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Invitation to Attend 11th Annual Wall Street Project Economic Summit

From: PublicRelations@wallstreetproject.org [mailto:PublicRelations@wallstreetproject.org]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 11:57 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Invitation to Attend 11th Annual Wall Street Project Economic Summit

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Dear Friend and Colleague:



I want to personally invite you to join America's most influential corporate, government, faith, labor and world leadership at the 11th Annual Wall Street Project Economic Summit and Gala, January 6 – 9, 2008 at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers, 811 Seventh Avenue at 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019. Our conference theme is **"New Congress, New America, New Opportunities: Expanding the Economic Agenda."** Please visit the Wall Street Project website at www.wallstreetproject.org for complete and up-to-date conference schedules, registration forms, hotel information and travel information.

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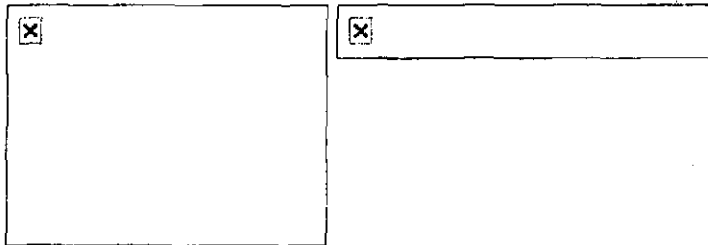
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 9:05 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Top Forty Under 40 Reception

From: Gina Romero [mailto:communications@anchoragechamber.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 4:40 PM
To: Gina Romero
Subject: Top Forty Under 40 Reception



Alaska Lawmakers Invited!
2007 Inaugural Top Forty Under 40 Reception
hosted by:
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Alaska Journal of Commerce

WHAT: As a member of the Alaska Legislature, you and a guest are invited to a hosted reception to meet the 2007 Top Forty Under 40 Recipients after the awards luncheon on Monday, November 5. This is an opportunity for you to network with the recipients, and the Anchorage Chamber Board of Directors..

WHERE: Josephines, located on the top floor of the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

WHEN: Monday, November 5, 4-7 p.m.

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 11:18 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today

Perfect.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Sent: Fri Nov 02 11:15:38 2007
Subject: Re: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today

Use tracks example. And we've all heard example of girl can't get ears pierced without consent...

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 11:10:40

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)"
<sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)"
<talis.colberg@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow,
Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today

We're on it. Talis and Sean have both given some excellent points to key off of.

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 11:00 AM

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV); PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Re: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today

Yes. There must be a response. Work with Sean on it too. This is Outrageous.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 10:38:26

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, talis.colberg@alaska.gov, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today

Governor,

State Supreme Court decision 3-2 holds the Alaska Parental Consent Act unconstitutional.

There are 40 states that currently have parental involvement laws

There are 26 states that currently have parental consent laws

There are 3 states that have ruled them unconstitutional:

California

Florida

and now Alaska

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More info including the actual ruling are coming, but shall we have Talis work with Mike and Sharon on an appropriate response?

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From: frank bailey [mailto:ftb907@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 10:25 AM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Parental Consent Decision

Kevin Clarkson <kclarkson@brenalaw.com> wrote:
From: "Kevin Clarkson" <kclarkson@brenalaw.com>
To: "'frank bailey'" <ftb907@yahoo.com>
Subject: Parental Consent Decision
Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 09:44:59 -0800

Frank,

The Governor should be told that this morning the Alaska Supreme Court issued a decision in the Parental Consent case. The Court by a 3-2 majority, in an opinion written by Justice Dana Fabe, held the Alaska Parental Consent Act unconstitutional. I am the attorney for the State of Alaska in this case and I will be happy to brief anyone on this ruling.

Kevin

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Also...Talis forwarded this

From: Grace, Joanne M (LAW)

Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 9:26 AM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Gordon, Nancy R (LAW); DeYoung, Jan H (LAW); Jenicek, Monica (LAW)

Subject: Planned Parenthood v. State Case

The Supreme Court has issued a decision today in the parental consent for abortion case. The state lost, 3-2, with a long dissent. Kevin Clarkson is going to email me the decision and a summary. The decision is embargoed until 12:30 today.

Joanne Grace

Please note that my email has changed. My new email address is joanne.grace@alaska.gov
<mailto:joanne.grace@alaska.gov>

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 5:00 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: RE: KTUU

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Fri 11/2/2007 4:59 PM

To: Frank Bailey; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored); Sally Heath; Molly; Heather; Chuck; Todd

Subject: KTUU

On ktuu.com vote on their on-line poll re: disagreeing with today's Ak Supreme Court parental consent opinion.
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 11:13 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Frank Bailey; PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 11:05:47
To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today

Dear Governor Palin,

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Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 9:58 AM
To: mrkdstudio@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Legal_and_lawsuits

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 3:45 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Mr. Clifton Chandler
address: 2419 E 86th Court Anchorage AK 99507
907-980-0307

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

My name is Clif Chandler. You may not remember me (I'm 27 now), but I practically grew up sitting at the back of all those Republican meetings, Wasilla City Council hearings, Political debates, countless fundraisers, and picnics. I designed the 2000 Republican State Convention logo. I went to your Mom's church. I walked in hundreds of parades including most of yours when you were running for our local offices. On my birthday at eighteen, I was at one of those luncheons at the Matsu Resort and signed on the dotted line to be a registered voter. I have grown up watching the grassroots movement surge and subside like the ocean tides. I have watched many a politician say one thing and do another and promise to do better the next time. I've watched as our Republican party has been rocked by scandal and misrepresentation, torn apart and pieced together with a mire full of half truths and compromises. (Don't get me started on the Democrats or the dedicated pot-smoking Independents.)

Even with all that, I have respected you. You seemed to have a certain poise about you. You spoke your mind and you got things done. I wore a Palin for Governor pin and voted for you in the elections. I defended you in front of critics on all sides of the political quandary. I couldn't wait to see how you would change the status quo as you had promised because I believed in you. I believed you. I even challenged those including my parents that you were not one of THOSE politicians. That you were different. Was I

wrong?

Given your resent comments regarding Vic Kohring, the trials, and a list of other politically correct mantras, I have to wonder if you are the same strong individual who stood up to school boards, entrenched liberals, nay-sayers, and government bureaucrats I remember from my youth. You SEEM to have given in to the political posturing you swore to despise, the split-tongued language of the power hungry, the wishy-washy Clinton-ese of elevated public service, and the stomach churning politically correct bile that has become our political system's favorite communication style. Have you lost the very backbone that made you the Sarah Palin the common PEOPLE used to love? The Sarah Palin that supposedly won the Governor's seat, becoming the First Woman to hold that office in Alaska, by her intelligence, her savvy, quick wit and moral integrity, not because she looks good in a business skirt or because she can play hard ball with the Big Boys. Have you really changed that much?

I don't understand. Are you just listening to the media's misrepresentation of the facts or are you just finding the most advantageous position to further your career?

Specifically, Vic Kohring has been a beacon of integrity since before I could legally drive. His sign "HARDWORKING - CONSERVATIVE" doesn't even come close to describing his character. He has been a rock in a shifting mire of political garbage. Has he made mistakes? I'm sure of it. BUT he has been the first to admit it when it's been brought to his attention. On countless issues and elections, I know no other politician, besides Vic, who refused to join in when the mudslinging started. I remember he got your back when you were under suspicion in your own oil and gas scandal. And yet, you don't feel the least bit ashamed when you stab him in the back as you look for a few more pats on the head from the same stuffy-shirted snakes who said you'd never make it this far? The least you could have done was hold your tongue and show that a true leader should be cautious and level headed when passing judgement, especially when someone's life hangs in the balance.

I really don't understand. If for some reason I am grossly misjudging the facts, I would greatly appreciate some new insight. However, it is really hard to have any hope in a political system that rewards the underhanded while crushing it's few true heroes.

Disappointed but respectfully,

Clifton Chandler

mrkdstudio@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 9:56 AM
To: hope.butler@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 6:56 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Hope Butler
address: 130 Winkler\ 's Meadow Boone NC 29607

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

A friend mentioned recently that you had the highest rating in the country and that she really admired you. She said I should look you up online, and wow -- I'm really impressed by your record and the stances you have taken.

I can't deny that part of my enthusiasm stems from the fact that you're a resourceful, competent woman with conservative principles. I think women would be open to the ideas of conservatism if there were more women in office like you. With the upcoming presidential election especially, I think some women are siding with Hillary not because they especially agree with her ideology but because they want politics to cease to be a "man's world."

Speaking of which, would you ever consider running as vice president if you were asked? From a personal standpoint, I'm rooting for Ron Paul. I think he's a true conservative, and even though I may disagree with him on some points, he's definitely the most sincere and honest of any of the candidates on the stage. Anyway, keep up the good work! Thank you for taking the time to read this, I know you must be busy!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 9:49 AM
To: bbjaaa@aol.com
Subject: RE: Elections

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Ms. Brigitte Johnson
address: 495 Beaver Creek Lane Fallbrook CA 92028

MESSAGE:

Dear Gov Palin:

We have been watching your career and have been extremely impressed. As a mother of daughters, your rise to the top has been inspirational and I point to you as a role model.

I am also a supporter of Gov. Mitt Romney. I think I gravitate towards excellence. Both you and Gov. Romney exude excellence and success. You are both incredibly smart, articulate and effective.

You are both great examples of living your life through conservative principles as well. While you have worked hard and earned everything you have achieved, it doesn't hurt that you are blessed with good looks and charisma as well (just like Mitt).

I truly cannot think of a better combination for the 08 election than you and Gov Romney running together. There are many women -- who are not involved in politics -- who just want to vote for a woman. Having you -- a successful Republican woman on our ticket -- would certainly sway some of those women and independent voters our way (and away from Hillary who they don't really like to begin with).

A ticket with you and Gov. Romney is unstoppable in my opinion. Knowing what I know about you, I am sure that you are wise enough to see that Gov Romney is the ONLY candidate who offers conservatives ALL three branches of Reagan conservatism --- fiscal conservatism, national security conservatism and social conservatism. It is a three-legged stool. Others offer only one or two of those legs and, as we know, those stools won't stand.

Additionally, he is running the most organized and well-funded campaign. We will need those skills and "strategery" -- and money (his and ours) to beat the Clinton machine.

We Mitt fans encourage you to check out this web page ----<http://www.freerepublic.com/~unmarkedpackage/> ----- that has been put together to inform others about Gov Romney's record (which has been unfairly distorted). He governed extremely conservatively for a true blue place like Massachusetts. If he can do those things there, I think it bodes well for what he can accomplish in Washington.

Please consider endorsing Mitt Romney and joining his campaign of excellence, optimism and progress for the future. It would be the best thing that ever happened to our country in a long time if the two of you would join forces for change in Washington.

Thank you!

Brigitte Johnson

soccer mom in San Diego (I sent the first email through an Alaska zip code to be sure you'd read it!)

bbjaaa@aol.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 8:58 AM
To: 'ejaneisaac@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Other

Dear Ms. Isaac:

Thank you for your email.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 6:21 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jane Isaac

address: 1710 W Beach Drive Panama City FL 32401

MESSAGE:

I read with great interest the Newsweek piece on Women and leadership (October 16 2007). All very positive and encouraging for women. Except the terrible picture of you walking across a road reading your text messages, with your daughter trailing along behind you, out of your view. Your phone is clearly more important than your daughter. Hope the Red Bull made you feel more energetic. What an awful image of mothering.

ejaneisaac@yahoo.com

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I am doing some research on state budgets. Please answer a single question for me. What percentage of your total state budget is spent on education+higher education?
Please reply via email.

Thank You.

Gary Biazzo
PO Box 146
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-656-2523

gjbiazzo@comcast.net

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Sent: Fri Nov 02 19:43:29 2007
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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Board Spots

Will do. Thanks.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Cc: Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Fri Nov 02 17:46:24 2007
Subject: Re: Board Spots

Ask fred dyson or wes keller for names on this. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 17:42:51

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Board Spots

Governor,

On our discussion yesterday I spoke with Dorothy Larson of DLG. It just isn't going to work out for her to catch the next DV Task Force meetings so I'm back to the well talking with Paulette Schuerch, Tara, and others about candidates.

The rest below are still good for your approval.

Thanks!

F

-----Original Message-----

From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 4:16 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Subject: RE: Board Spots

Oh yes....Kerm mentioned him as well...and he MIGHT be a good candidate for the Privileged or F
Privileged board that we have not been able to fill.

Kerm feels that a Chuck Heath should be your official unpaid advisor for all statewide game issues.

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Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 4:14 PM

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

Subject: Re: Board Spots

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Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 16:01:37

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Board Spots

Governor,

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Here is the rundown on these Boards:

Cora has put together the following and vetted the following two boards:

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Phew...this hits you with a big list. I'm sorry. Let me know any questions or concerns

you may have. This will cover 20 more slots.

Next on the plate will be NPFMC, Denali Commission Rural Transportation slots, Supreme Court, Humanities Forum, Alcoholic Beverage Board, Public Broadcasting, a Body Piercer/Tattoo artist, Alberta-Alaska Bilateral Commission.

Director, Boards and Commissions

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

907-269-7450

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 5:25 PM
To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Cc: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: Over the top

I agree - they'd tick off the public even more. Pocorro says they're skipping our process, going right to the Feds... maybe there are some new rumors on this. Again, he says he'll get his "legit" source to give us more info if there is anything.

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From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Sent: Fri Nov 02 17:21:59 2007
Subject: RE: Over the top

Governor,

This is consistent with the message Exxon has given us for many years, albeit quietly, that they intend to go "over the top." When this came up during the SGDA' negotiations I would occasionally ask them how they intended to deal with the federal act and state law preclusions from going over the top. Their response was always, when the time comes we'll "change the laws."

What is interesting is that this issue is arising at this time, particularly since there was a rumor earlier this week that Exxon, and perhaps Enbridge, was going to make some big announcement on Thursday. So far no announcement has emerged, but perhaps there is some relationship. I have heard nothing about this issue recently from Exxon, nor from any of the other Producer companies.

If Exxon were to go public with their desire/intention to go "over the top" with the gasoline project, I believe it will be poorly received by the public. It could be another of their misjudgments.

Marty

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 4:26 PM

To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

Subject: Over the top

Mike Pocarro tells me a reliable source is insisting the oilies are planning an "over the top" route w/ nat gas. He's asking his source if verified info can be revealed so we can follow up. I told him I hadn't heard this...

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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Subject: Re: mm

Excellent news!!! Thanks for prepping them you guys!!!

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Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 16:50:39

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: mm

I'm so happy! It went well. Kristan & Tom owned it. The majority of callers were positive. Andrew called at the end and sounded so worked up. We thought he was crying at one point. It was so awesome. I think it's safe to say you would have been proud.

We need to take this on the road.

Prior to the show, we - Kristan, Tom, Dick, Joe A., Joe S., and Tina - all met and prepped. We have a good plan, and we're sticking to it. Board meeting is tomorrow. I'll report on anything new after that.

On another note, I met w/Sherri Buretta today regarding Statehood. During the meeting she said that she is so impressed with you. You are not afraid to speak the truth and it is so refreshing. It is time for the positive change you're bringing about.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 4:16 PM
To: Todd; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey
Subject: Re: mm

Let me know how it goes.

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Nov 2, 2007 4:13 PM
Subject: mm

Kristan and Tom are doing a great job on Fagans
show. For Tom to change his flight schedule to
participate on the show is just another example of his
character, unlike others who pick and chose which
issues they want to be involved in.

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<http://mail.yahoo.com>

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 5:04 PM
To: Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); Sally Heath; Molly; Heather; Chuck; Todd
Subject: Re: KTUU

aksuperstation.com also has a poll

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 3 Nov 2007 00:59:21

To: "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Sean Parnell" <SR_Parnell@gov.state.ak.us>, "Sally Heath" <salheath@mtaonline.net>, "Molly" <paymckhea@yahoo.com>, "Heather" <khbruce@gci.net>, "Chuck" <chckheath@yahoo.com>, "Todd" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: KTUU

On ktuu.com vote on their on-line poll re: disagreeing with today's Ak Supreme Court parental consent opinion.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 12:23 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: great compass piece today re: ACES

Thanks Ivy!

After weather delays I should finally make it in this aft. I look forward to seeing the content of the CS that should be offered soon.

I didn't get to hear Don's testimony yest- maybe GtG will replay.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 11:43:39

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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From: MacKinnon, John S (DOT) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JSMACKINNON1]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 4:25 PM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: leaving DOT

Governor

I am writing you to officially tender my resignation as Deputy Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. I plan to stay through December to help finalize our '09 budget and tie-up a few loose ends.

Working for the people of Alaska for the past five years has been a very satisfying experience. I have especially appreciated being able to continue my employment as a member of your administration. Between the professionals here at DOT/PF and your office's incredibly helpful public servants, most notably Mike Tibbles, Randy and Russ, I could not have asked for a more professional, talented or dedicated group of colleagues.

While I will miss this job and my friends at DOT, I feel that it is time for a new challenge and experience and thus will be accepting a position in the private sector. If there is anything I can do to be of assistance during my replacement's transition, please know that I will be available to assist in any way possible.

I also want you to know if there is anything I can do to assist you personally as Governor, I am also available.

John MacKinnon
Deputy Commissioner of Highways
Department of Transportation &
Public Facilities
State of Alaska
465-6973
321-2047

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]

Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 11:44 AM

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Board Spots

Governor,

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 10:38 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); talis_colberg@law.state.ak.us; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FW: Parental Consent Decision - embargoed til 12:30pm today
Importance: High

Governor,

State Supreme Court decision 3-2 holds the Alaska Parental Consent Act unconstitutional.

There are 40 states that currently have parental involvement laws

There are 26 states that currently have parental consent laws

There are 3 states that have ruled them unconstitutional:

California

Florida

and now Alaska

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More info including the actual ruling are coming, but shall we have Talis work with Mike and Sharon on an appropriate response?

F

From: frank bailey [mailto:ftb907@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 10:25 AM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Parental Consent Decision

Kevin Clarkson <kclarkson@brenalaw.com> wrote:

From: "Kevin Clarkson" <kclarkson@brenalaw.com>

To: "frank bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Subject: Parental Consent Decision

Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 09:44:59 -0800

Frank,

The Governor should be told that this morning the Alaska Supreme Court issued a decision in the Parental Consent case. The Court by a 3-2 majority, in an opinion written by Justice Dana Fabe, held the Alaska Parental Consent Act unconstitutional. I am the attorney for the State of Alaska in this case and I will be happy to brief anyone on this ruling.

Kevin

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fax: 907-258-2001

Also...Talis forwarded this

From: Grace, Joanne M (LAW)
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 9:26 AM
To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW);
Gordon, Nancy R (LAW); DeYoung, Jan H (LAW);
Jenicek, Monica (LAW)
Subject: Planned Parenthood v. State Case

The Supreme Court has issued a decision today in the parental consent for abortion case. The state lost, 3-2, with a long dissent. Kevin Clarkson is going to email me the decision and a summary. The decision is embargoed until 12:30 today.

Joanne Grace
Please note that my email has changed. My new email address is joanne.grace@alaska.gov

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 1:16 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: McKie in the blogs

...interesting. As you know Harris appointed McKie to CACFA.

From: Saddler, Daniel R (GOV)
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 11:55 AM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: McKie in the blogs

Looks like someone's following McKie's career, and communicating on the ADN blog.

November 1, 2007 - 11:48pm | **akwillis**

The other tragedy is that this tragedy will repeat itself...

WHERE ARE HARRIS AND GREEN TODAY? When will we be able to read the lessons they have learned from these convictions? When will they explain how they plan to drain the ethical cesspool they watched enlarge until the FBI brought some relief. When will the "scripting" of the fate of legislation end? That term has even been applied to the special session by the Senate Minority Leader. The legislature will be back in regular session in January. In the light of the convictions since last January what are Harris and Green going to change?

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November 2, 2007 - 12:05am | **edgefinder**

Harris?

He's trying to get our old pal miner-in- charge-of-keeping-fisheries-sustainable Mckie Campbell in the revolving door.

Heck he's even got a college degree in politics so he must be the man for the (some) job.

Hopefully he gets his head in the door and not the rest of him to cause his final political decapitation.

ker plunk!

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- Dan Saddler
Deputy Director, Boards and Commissions
269-7447 W; 269-7463 F

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Dan Winkelman [Dan_Winkelman@ykhc.org]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 3:27 PM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Jackson; Karleen K (HSS); Streur; William J (HSS); Fuller; Jerry (HSS); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Kim; Anna C (GOV); Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA); Olson; Donny (LAA); Nelson; Mary (LAA)
Subject: YKHC's Capital Requests

Governor Sarah Palin:

Please find attached the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation's capital requests.

Thank you,

Dan Winkelman, VP for Administration & General Counsel
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
P.O. Box 528
Bethel, Alaska 99559
(907) 543-6032 (direct line)
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Leah Woolard, Legal Assistant (907) 543-6915

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YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

"Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health"

November 2, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
Post Office Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

RE: Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Project Proposals

Dear Governor Palin:

On behalf of the people served by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC), we are pleased to provide you with our Legislative Priorities that will further improve the health status of this region. As you know, YKHC provides health care under the authority of 58 federally-recognized Tribes and pursuant to a Title V Compact with the federal government under the Indian Self-Determination Act. YKHC provides health care services to over 50 villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region of Alaska, an area the size of the State of Oregon, with virtually no roads.

Access to medical care is a significant problem for Alaska Natives, namely it is due to a lack of necessary health care infrastructure. When infrastructure exists, access occurs primarily by boat in the summers, by snow machine in winters, and by airplane year-round. Access to care is further limited by the distances between villages, the cost of transportation, and the time associated with travel. During the harsh winter months, patient access to health care is often delayed by hours and days, until the weather clears and planes are able to fly. Patient care has been compromised, and lives have been lost due to these daily transportation challenges faced by patients in this region.

With your support of last session's Senate Bill 61, the Medicaid Implementation Study that is underway, limiting general fund growth in the Medicaid program has the potential to become reality. The *Report to: State of Alaska, Senate Finance Committee, Medicaid Program Review Jan. 2007* (hereinafter *Medicaid Report*), prepared by the Pacific Health Policy Group, emphasized that "it is in the state's interest to build stronger relationships with tribal providers . . ." but there were specific challenges related to Medicaid funding, including the ". . . [l]ack of funding to build infrastructure." *Report* at 86.

YKHC recognizes the limitation of funds available and in an effort to do our part to streamline state programs, YKHC has chosen this year to prioritize our top legislative requests as follows:

- 1) **Prematernal Home Construction Funds;**
- 2) **Assisted Living Home Construction Funds; and**
- 3) **Technology Equipment Funds.**

We respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of these projects in your capital budget request for consideration by the next Legislature.

1. Prematernal Home Construction Funds

The first priority is for \$9.7 million to fund the construction of a new facility for the Bethel Prematernal Home. Women of the villages are asked to come to Bethel to await the delivery of their child up to one month prior to their delivery date. The facility is presently 36 years old and in dire need of replacement due to age, wear and tear of everyday occupation, and demand due to census increases.

A larger facility will support the staff and equipment needed to operate as well as enable the health education component of the program to develop. Most importantly, a new facility will improve and offer a safe living environment for expectant mothers and unborn children, accommodating our service needs.

Three years ago, the Alaska State Legislature provided \$150,000 for planning and design of a replacement facility.¹ In 2006, the Legislature provided the initial \$2 million to begin construction of the Prematernal Home. Nevertheless, YKHC is maintaining an aggressive capital campaign to finish the Prematernal Home replacement project by looking at all available funders. Potential private funders include, but are not limited to the Kellogg Foundation (which specializes in capital challenge grants) and the Paul Allen Foundation in Seattle.

YKHC requests \$9.7 million from the Legislature to finish capital development of this piece of vital regional infrastructure.

2. Assisted Living Home Construction Funds

Our second priority for FY08 is \$600,000 for Phase One to construct an Assisted Living Home under the Green House model for the residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. We have secured 36 percent matching funds for this project from the Denali Commission. The total project cost is estimated at \$11 million. We are seeking \$7 million from all potential funding sources to fund the remaining 64 percent in project costs.

Several years ago, YKHC developed a business plan to construct a traditional Assisted Living Home. However, a recent study performed by Manillaq, the tribal health organization for the Kotzebue region, proved that a traditional Assisted Living Home would not be as sustainable as a Green House model. Therefore, YKHC is transitioning its current plans for a traditional Assisted Living Home to a community-based Green House model. The total cost estimates for either model are expected to be relatively the same, and initial estimates will be confirmed with the completion of a new business plan and architectural and engineering drawings.

Accordingly, YKHC requests a total appropriation of \$600,000 for Phase One to determine YKHC's final cost estimates for an Assisted Living Home under the Green House model. Individually, these costs are: \$150,000 for the business plan, and \$450,000 for architectural and engineering drawings.

The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta has a vital need for long-term care. YKHC has designed and is prepared to build and operate an 18-bed Assisted Living Home facility in Bethel, Alaska to serve the growing population of seniors and adults with disabilities that meet the nursing level of care in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region.

¹ Legislative Municipal Grant to the City of Bethel.

The people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and statewide representatives have long recognized the need for assisted living in our region—it is the only region in the State of Alaska without long-term care options. All long-term care clients are sent out of region to Anchorage and other areas of the State for services with documented estimates of 45 to 50 individuals, at any one time, from the YKHC area. This means a significant amount of Indian Health Service beneficiaries, who are otherwise eligible for 100 percent federal Medicaid funding, are receiving long-term care services from non-tribal providers resulting in substantial costs to the State of Alaska's general fund monies. Indeed, the *Medicaid Report* stated:

And because tribal providers receive 100 percent federal Medicaid funding, Alaska would realize state savings if Medicaid services currently delivered at non-tribal sites were instead provided by 638 providers. For example, the Alaska Medicaid program spends approximately \$19 million for non-tribal nursing facility services provided to AI/ANs, of which approximately \$8 million is state matching funds. *If Alaska were to provide financial support for development of tribal health long-term capacity, the potential state savings could be significant.*

Id. at 89 (emphasis added).

Long-term care has been identified as a priority during the last 10 of YKHC's Tribal Gatherings. This initiative also has strong community commitment and support of Tribes, resulting in resolution of support from various Tribes region-wide. It is also a component of the City of Bethel Strategic Economic Development Plan.

In the Executive Summary of the ANTHC August 2005 report, *Long Term Care Needs for Alaska Native Elders*, the Bethel Assisted Living Home was referenced as its top priority. In 2004, the State of Alaska and the Robert Wood Johnson Coming Home Program considered this region a top priority and recommended Bethel as the first priority for assisted living development in rural Alaska. Recently, as determined by the *Medicaid Report*, "It would be in the state's interest, from both a financial and quality of service perspective, to actively participate in establishing greater capacity among tribal providers to furnish long-term care—both institutional and community-based." *Id.* at 88. In partnership with the State of Alaska, YKHC is willing to lead in this role.

3. Technology Equipment Upgrades

Our third priority is \$572,000 for technology equipment upgrades. Many of our technology equipment systems are now beyond their useful lives and are in need of replacement. Much of the technology equipment supporting YKHC's various healthcare systems is outdated and no longer supported by vendors or manufacturers. YKHC is currently experiencing delays, extended down time, security vulnerability, compliance issues and a risk of data loss if these systems upgrades are not performed soon. For these upgrades, the Indian Health Service's budget is wholly insufficient.

YKHC's systems upgrades will allow for increased data access for treatment of patients, a reduction in equipment failures and increased efficiencies in staff utilization. These systems are relied upon heavily for patient data access, especially in clinical, financial and village operations.

We respectfully request \$572,000 for Technology Equipment Upgrades.

Other Funding Opportunities

Of course, if the opportunity is available to do more this legislative session, please understand that there are still unmet needs in the region. Given the third world conditions in which many of our residents live, the list of needs is nearly unlimited. We realize the resources are not unlimited. We have identified the highest construction and operational priorities and opportunities. We have proven that we can be enormously self-reliant, but we do need the basic tools. We hope each one will receive serious attention. Please contact Dan Winkelman, VP for Admin. & General Counsel, at 907-543-6915 (travel cell 907-351-0057) if any additional back-up material is needed or if you would like to discuss any of these proposals in more detail.

Finally, for all of your efforts, we say a very heartfelt, "quyanaq-vaa" (thank you *very* much) for your efforts on behalf of our entire population. Your contributions to rural Alaska, including our region, have made a real difference in the lives of our people:

Sincerely,


Gene Peltola
President & CEO (907-543-6020)

cc: Senator Lyman Hoffman
Representative Mary Nelson
Senator Donny Olson
Commissioner DHSS, Karleen Jackson
Mr. Bill Streur, DHSS

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 11:12 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: November 02, 2007 State Chamber E-News

From: Wayne Stevens [mailto:wstevens@alaskachamber.com]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 4:18 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: November 02, 2007 State Chamber E-News

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

November 02, 2007 E-News

Deadline to Submit Positions for Legislative Tie-in - November 15

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce Legislative Tie-in is set for November 29 and 30 at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. All State Chamber members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important opportunity to help set Legislative Priorities for the upcoming 2008 Legislative Session.

The State Chamber will use this event to establish our priority positions supported by concise action items needed to achieve each position. Positions must have statewide impact and be consistent with the State Chamber's mission. You can read it online by [clicking here](#). Each position submitted must have a representative available at the Tie-in to make a live presentation of the position and explain the reasoning and support for the position. Each position must have close adherence to the format suggestions, especially financial impact; and strict adherence to the submittal deadline.

All priorities and positions adopted by the State Chamber and now posted on our web site [here](#), will be set aside, and must be resubmitted for consideration. If there is a position or priority that the State Chamber currently has on its 2007 list that you believe needs to be on the list for 2008, you must resubmit it in the format requested and be prepared to speak to the position at the event on November 29.

The deadline for submission of proposed positions is the close of business on November 15, 2007, preferably in PDF format. Position statements submitted after November 15 must receive a two-thirds vote of those present on November 29 to be considered for action.

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Ground rules as established for the meeting and the format required for submissions is on-line at our web site. To read the rules and see the format required [click here](#).

E-mail your proposed positions to wstevens@alaskachamber.com by November 15, 2007. The proposals approved by the legislative committee will be posted on the State Chamber website at www.alaskachamber.com

Hard copies of the packet will be available and distributed to the membership prior to the start of the Legislative Tie-in meeting.

"Creating Opportunity, Removing Barriers"

Register On-line To Attend 2007 Legislative Tie-In

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Attend the legislative position discussions with the luncheon and networking reception included for \$75. The luncheon only is \$35 and the networking reception only is \$25. Both the Luncheon and the reception may be reserved separately. All events are at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. Seating is limited. [Click here](#) to register for the event on-line.

The Hilton Anchorage Hotel is offering a discounted room rate of \$92.00 to Tie-In participants. To reserve call (907) 272-7411 or 1-800-HILTONS and mention the Legislative Tie-Code code: ASC.

The 2007 Legislative Tie-In Luncheon will feature Dr. James A. Caillier, Executive Director of the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation. Dr. Caillier will present on the merits of The Taylor Plan. The Taylor Plan lays the groundwork for high school students to achieve their goals by motivating them to earn a state-funded, merit-based opportunity to further their education and realize their ambitions. For more information visit www.taylorplan.com

A Networking Reception will follow the legislative priorities vote from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Register to meet and mingle with the State Chamber board of directors, statewide business members and attending legislators. Discuss the implications of the legislative priorities and position on the upcoming session while enjoying scenic views of Anchorage in the Hilton Anchorage Chart Room on the 10th floor.

State Chamber Committees Looking for Members to Participate

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce Communications Committee and the Membership Committee are looking for volunteers interested in helping to grow our membership and implement our Communications Plan. Committees typically meet every couple of weeks via teleconference for less than an hour.

The Communications Committee, Chaired by Heidi Franklin of Pebble Limited Partnership, is next meeting on Monday November 5. The committee is working on the development of plans to help publicize our Legislative Tie-in and the priorities we adopt for the upcoming Legislative Session.

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The Communications Committee's purpose is to develop plans, programs and policies that clearly and consistently carry the various messages of the State Chamber, through a variety of communication vehicles, to its constituents, members, employees, collaborators, the business community, policy makers and the public. Inform members and other organizations, as appropriate, about State Chamber events and activities.

Tasks

- Develop a strategic communication plan.
- Ensure the ASCC strategic communication plan is implemented and updated.
- Plan the annual committee work plan.
- Assist in planning editorial content for ASCC publications.
- Assist in providing content for the website.
- Assist other committees in communicating with members.
- Provide the media with information about ASCC issues.

The Membership Committee Co-Chaired by Caroline Higgins of TOTE and Mary Ann Pease of MAP Consulting are looking to grow membership and need volunteers to help plan strategy and implementation of concerted efforts to accomplish this goal.

The Membership Committee's purpose is to assist in the development of a membership strategy that continually increases new members and retains existing members. Look for opportunities to provide added value for our members.

Tasks

- Develop an annual membership campaign to attract new members.
- Develop strategies to retain current members.
- Assist in the development of membership materials.
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If you have an interest in helping out on any committee of the State Chamber or have questions, please contact Wayne Stevens at 907-586-2010 or via e-mail at wstevens@alaskachamber.com. Your participation and input is welcomed and appreciated.

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Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 6:48 PM

To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: Fw: Press Release: Governor Palin Pleased with Senate Committee's Work



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 07-217

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Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 7:26 AM
To: kccole@mtaonline.net; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Cc: Kristan Cole; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Todd
Subject: Re: Dan Fagan Show

I love you guys!!!!

You're doing an amazing job. Todd, Kris and Frank were keeping me up to speed as to how the show progressed. Thanks for kicking butt and being bold and just laying it on the line for the public to understand we didn't cause MatMaid problems, we're here to solve them so it can land in the private sector's hands.

Great job. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristan Cole
To: Tom Irwin
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Kristan Cole
ReplyTo: kccole@mtaonline.net
Sent: Nov 3, 2007 5:35 AM
Subject: RE: Dan Fagan Show

Governor, Tom is way too modest, the truth is that he made us ALL look good yesterday. We will continue working hard to solve these very difficult issues. Kristan

-----Original Message-----

From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR) [mailto:tom.irwin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 8:30 PM
To: Palin Sarah'
Cc: Cole Kristan
Subject: Dan Fagan Show

Governor, I wanted you to know how much I appreciate the work Kristan is doing for this state. She did great on Dan's show and it was a privilege to

be with her. God bless Tom

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JFRYE]
Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 6:42 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Jason kohler

The ktuu camera guy...his dad is jim kohler the director of the almr project. You and I were discussing jason last wk and trying to figure out what state job his dad hasj

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Subject: Re: Press Release: Governor Palin Pleased with Senate Committee's Work

Thanks, all!

----- Original Message -----

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Awesome! I'm confident your good work w leg. will progress a good bill. You probably need something stronger than coffee after your day :)

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:44:20 2007
Subject: Re: Quinn

Thanks!

And I didn't get to get coffee today bc I've been visiting w leggies throughout the day. We're progressing well with some Senators, still trying to figure out what some Reps are thinking...

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 17:40:58

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Quinn

Squinn@ap.org

Privileged or Personal Mail

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:33:24 2007

Subject: Quinn

Do have Steve's email addy?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIE]
Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 1:24 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Bitney

It's the one comment that is stuck in Lyda's mind too. She mentioned it when I was in her office. I'll find out where people are hearing it-but again I'm w russ-everything comes back to bitney.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 12:21:33 2007
Subject: Bitney

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Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 1:16 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Army mtg

J- An army recruiter will be in Juneau on Tuesday and wants to meet with me re: western region recruiting efforts. I told one of the captains that I'd love to if I'm here at the same time they're here... but I am scheduled to leave sometime Tuesday.

Sgt. Nagel is one who contacted me: Privileged is his cell - I told him a scheduler would call to coordinate this mtg if it's possible. When you get a chance could you touch base with him to see if it would work? Maybe I'd see him at the airport even if our flts cross.

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Drop outs

Thanks Lynne! A letter from our office will be great...

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Smith, Lynne M (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIE]
Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 10:32 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Coffee?

Went on a run AND now getting coffee if u want me to drop some off.

.04 prog added back in sen jud-that's good news. Now what about the gross floor?!?

Heard carl wants to go w your original bill instead of a cs--awesome.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 9:17 AM
To: Thompson; Barbara A (EED); Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Drop outs

Thanks Barb.

Lynne: would you get those names from Eric, or send his email addy and I'll ask him.
Thanks

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Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 6:47 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: I just waved

Oh baby!!!

Tell him I sent out an atta' boy statement for senate committee
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 9:45 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: My apologies

Thanks for your nice words. I'd do anything for ya.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 19:12:25 2007
Subject: Re: My apologies

Dear Lord- I hate that he (them?) Does this to you. he and Bit both were so secretive, still are evidently. Pls don't let any of the strange comments get to ya. All will be well...

Truly, it will be well.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 18:23:14

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: My apologies

FYI...

It goes on and on with Chris Clark. I will get to the bottom of where he's getting his info! If small things like Mindy's hire is getting out, what else is Chris finding out and WHO'S telling him?

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat 11/3/2007 5:50 PM
To: 'cgcalaska@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: My apologies

Man, Chris. You just wrote on and on about how you want to help the governor succeed, yet you don't want to tell me who's sharing confidential info from the 3rd floor.

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:27:34 2007
Subject: Re: My apologies

Can't tell you.

I must protect my sources.

That's the rules of the game. A reporter is only as good as his sources.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: cgcalaska@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:20:05 PM
Subject: Re: My apologies

Chris, you ALWAYS know the beat in the capitol. Who said it?

----- Original Message -----

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To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:16:48 2007
Subject: Re: My apologies

That, I don't know.

When I con prised that I knew.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:10:34 PM
Subject: RE: My apologies

Perhaps I should be more specific. How would anyone know the hiring decision of the third floor? Who would give out that information?

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com <mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sat 11/3/2007 5:06 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: My apologies

A friend who works in House Finance.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:03:38 PM

Subject: RE: My apologies

Well, who told you that Mindy was hired?

mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wed 10/31/2007 5:36 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: Re: My apologies

Amen to that -- all of that.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 3:19:15 PM

Subject: RE: My apologies

There are too many rumors out there that aren't conducive to what Governor Palin and her Administration are trying to accomplish.

There are too many comments about what is going wrong or right; who's working for her and who's not; who's a good employee and who's not; and it goes on and on. I'm absolutely sick of it. I've said this a million times, but what do any of these comments have to do with good public policy? I'm sure neither of us (me or you) know who is going as you've had a conversation with Mike or the governor, I wouldn't believe it AND if they did talk to you, I sure as heck wouldn't be repeating it. If you do have access to this type of

information or any other 3rd floor information, I'd be confronting the person or letting Mike know—I promise you that.

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com <mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:09 AM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: My apologies

One more thing ...

After I had the brainstorm in which I thought you could do the job as deputy legislative director, I ran it by John -- thinking he would tell me if I were nuts or not.

He thought you would be better off at Administration, but he didn't seem to think my idea was far-fetched. We both could be assured, at the least, that there would be someone in that office who rociuously loyal to the governor.

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>
To: " Frye, Ivy J (DOA) " <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:01:50 AM
Subject: Re: My apologies

Nobody told me that you were interested in being deputy legislative director.

It was only an idea I had one night, at home. At the time, it seemed like a Eureka ! moment. It may have been fueled, in part, by the warm cup of sake that I was drinking, I confess.

Given your familiarity with the legislature, I thought and think you could do it. You know the players, the quirks, the personalities. You know how legislation moves through committee. You know the lay of the land. You understand the process and how difficult it can be.

I want the governor to succeed. So I was brainstorming on who could take the job to help meet that goal. Your face popped into my mind.

On a different note ...

I'm now ciary discuss the pluses and minuses of the gross tax versus the net tax. It's going well. Pat's doing a good job. Of all the committees that are hearing the governor's bill, this one is and will be the kindest and most supportive of her.

Be that as it may, the real fight -- or, at least, the biggest and most important battles -- will occur on the House and Senate floors.

I'm of the opinion -- and several reporters agree with me -- that the governor is in a win-win position. A nice place to be. More on that, later.

----- Original Message -----

From: " Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 9:28:43 AM

Subject: RE: My apologies

Again, I still haven't heard that Mindy or anyone else was hired. It hasn't been confirmed, that I know. You never encouraged me to apply for the deputy director position. I never have come up to you onc on the phone and said, 'I want to be the deputy legislative director.' Understandably, I'm very curious who would tell you something like that. That's the only information that's relevant to this entire conversation.

Please don't offer me knowledge or confidence if it's based on rumor—it doesn't help anybody.

Thanks,

Ivy

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com <mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 1:12 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: My apologies

My apologies.

I never meant to offend or hurt you. On the contrary, I intended to offer you encouragement and support. I clearly missed the mark. And for that, I am sorry.

I just want to see you flourish and succeed. Hence, my clumsy attempts in offering you encouragement and the latest rumbl idence and knowledge -- that's all I was trying to offer.

To be clear, I want our governor to do well and continue to shine. She's a welcomed balm to this malignant, diseased political system. I want Alaskans' current love affair with her to last the arc and span of her political career. It's good for people to have faith in their leaders and their government. Refreshing, too.

Let me tell you what I tell others unabashedly, including my friends in the press corps: in spite of what happened to me, in spite of my losing a job in the governor's office, I want the governor to succeed. I want her to remain popular and strong. I want her to stay popular and strong so she may negotiate from a position of strength when dealing with the oil industry. You and I both know all too well what it's like for the state to have a weakened, unpopular, and lame-duck governor. I don't want to see that happen again. Especially to her. I adored her while I worked for her. And I still do. As J she's a breath of fresh air.

Let me remind you that I voted for Sarah Palin in last year's primary and general elections for two reasons: her strong stand on the gas pipeline and her embodiment of an ethical public life. Sarah Palin doesn't just talk about ethics. She lives it. She embodies it. She has made sacrifices to uphold it. That's why I like her.

Just so you know, I did not forward your e-mail to John or anybody. And I am not sending this one to anyone via blind copy or any other means.

I am disheartened that you have lost your faith and trust in me, if, indeed, you ever had it. This is a personal loss for me.

Perhaps this is the price I must pay when trying to balance my friendship with John with my desire to see the governor succeed.

For what it's worth, I plan to tease him today ... mercilessly ... over John Harris's live shot yesterday during KTUU's 5:00 newscast. Did you see it? Oh, my God. Let me put it this way: John Harris is NO Sar vel at how she handles herself -- so easily and adroitly -- in front of the cameras. She makes it look easy and effortless -- a true sign of a master, as we learn in aikido. It seems she requires so little preparation and then, bam! Nails the press conference. Nails the interview. I don't why, but it leaves me in stitches every time. I've worked for seven legislators. Not one holds a candle to the governor in this regard. She's remarkable. Or, as Bill McAllister once told me, amazing.

As for my previous e-mails to you ...

I just had a brainstorm one evening that you would be good in the legislative office. And I just wanted you to know that. I still do, by the way, for what that's worth.

When I learned that Mindy got the job, I felt like an idiot having tried to encourage you to pursue a position that had already been filled. I wrongly assumed -- largely because I believed you are far better connected than I -- that you already knew about that hire. My apologies, .

I do wish you well and I want you to continue to shine.

Chris

----- Original Message -----

From: " Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgc@alaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 2:32:15 PM

Subject: RE: You could have done it

I hadn't heard they appointed a deputy director. I'm sure it's not public information yet. And how would you know if I was interested anyway?

I don't appreciate you stating the first line as if I had been inquiring with you or anyone else about who the new deputy would be, and I don't appreciate that you infer that you and I have been discussing my interest in the deputy director position. Your email was cleverly written and although I can't prove it I will assume you blind copied others.

Your comments about Tibbles can only come from John Bitney—feel free to share that with him too. And, if Mike was your friend and you believed in the Administration you wouldn't be passing on rumors you hear. I don't want to hear the rumors because I don't believe them.

I've also asked you politely before not to send me emails regarding the governor. I would appreciate if you would honor my request.

I'm not, as you say, trying to get "closer to the governor." I don't need to try. She knows I'd do anything for her.

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com <mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:36 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: You could have done it

Yes, I heard about the new deputy legislative director.

Good for Mindy. And condolences to her as well.

This is interesting because it proves that Tibbles still has some sway up there. That he's not quite perceive him to be.

It's also interesting because the decision was made during the special session instead of afterwards as expected.

There are several good things about Mindy: she knows the legislature, understands the personalities, she HAS a good personality, she knows Tibbles well, and she knows the importance of fiscal notes. She's competent, experienced, dedicated, and used to putting in long hours. And she wasn't happy with recent developments in Senate Finance.

For what it's worth ...

I think you could have done the job. It would not have been easy. It would have strained the outer limits of diplomacy. But it would have gotten you closer to the governor.

I'm disappointed that you weren't given the chance -- if that was even an option. On the other hand, I would have been mortified if I had encouraged you to take the job, you got it, and it turned out to be a disaster for you -- thus setting you way back rather than moving you way forward. Even that you're still where you're at.

You are well off there. Annette and Kevin have much to teach.

My recommendation: get a regular session under your belt there. Just like Frank did. And learn, learn, learn. Have you become more familiar with Excel yet? Here's your chance.

Hang in there, mon amie.

Fondly,

Chris

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 7:10 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Jason kohler

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Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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Date: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 18:47:10

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Jason kohler

Admin but they work jointly w dmva

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Sent: Sat Nov 03 18:47:22 2007

Subject: Re: Jason kohler

What dept is almr in?

-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Nov 3, 2007 6:41 PM

Subject: Jason kohler

The ktuu camera guy...his dad is jim kohler the director of the almr project. You and I were discussing jason last wk and trying to figure out what state job his dad hasj

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Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 6:23 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: My apologies

FYI...

It goes on and on with Chris Clark. I will get to the bottom of where he's getting his info! If small things like Mindy's hire is getting out, what else is Chris finding out and WHO'S telling him?

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat 11/3/2007 5:50 PM
To: 'cgcalaska@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: My apologies

Man, Chris. You just wrote on and on about how you want to help the governor succeed, yet you don't want to tell me who's sharing confidential info from the 3rd floor.

----- Original Message -----
From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:27:34 2007
Subject: Re: My apologies

Can't tell you.

I must protect my sources.

That's the rules of the game. A reporter is only as good as his sources.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: cgcalaska@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:20:05 PM
Subject: Re: My apologies

Chris, you ALWAYS know the beat in the capitol. Who said it?

----- Original Message -----
From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:16:48 2007
Subject: Re: My apologies

That, I don't know.

When I contacted Mindy, she was surprised that I knew.

----- Original Message -----

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From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: Christopher Clark <cgcalska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:10:34 PM
Subject: RE: My apologies

Perhaps I should be more specific. How would anyone know the hiring decision of the third floor? Who would give out that information?

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalska@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sat 11/3/2007 5:06 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: My apologies

A friend who works in House Finance.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: Christopher Clark <cgcalska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:03:38 PM
Subject: RE: My apologies

Well, who told you that Mindy was hired?

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalska@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wed 10/31/2007 5:36 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: My apologies

Amen to that -- all of that.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: Christopher Clark <cgcalska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 3:19:15 PM
Subject: RE: My apologies

There are too many rumors out there that aren't conducive to what Governor Palin and her Administration are trying to accomplish.

There are too many comments about what is going wrong or right; who's working for her and who's not; who's a good employee and who's not; and it goes on and on. I'm absolutely sick of it. I've said this a million times, but what do any of these comments have to do with good public policy? I'm sure neither of us (me or you) know who is going to be hired. Unless you've had a conversation with Mike or the governor, I wouldn't believe it AND if they did talk to you, I sure as heck wouldn't be repeating it. If you do have access to this type of information or any other 3rd floor information, I'd be confronting the person or letting Mike know—I promise you that.

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From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:09 AM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: My apologies

One more thing ...

After I had the brainstorm in which I thought you could do the job as deputy legislative director, I ran it by John -- thinking he would tell me if I were nuts or not.

He thought you would be better off at Administration, but he didn't seem to think my idea was far-fetched. We both could be assured, at the least, that there would be someone in that office who would work hard and be ferociously loyal to the governor.

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>
To: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:01:50 AM
Subject: Re: My apologies

Nobody told me that you were interested in being deputy legislative director.

It was only an idea I had one night, at home. At the time, it seemed like a Eureka ! moment. It may have been fueled, in part, by the warm cup of sake that I was drinking, I confess.

Given your familiarity with the legislature, I thought and think you could do it. You know the players, the quirks, the personalities. You know how legislation moves through committee. You know the lay of the land. You understand the process and how difficult it can be.

I want the governor to succeed. So I was brainstorming on who could take the job to help meet that goal. Your face popped into my mind.

On a different note ...

I'm now listening to Senate Judiciary discuss the pluses and minuses of the gross tax versus the net tax. It's going well. Pat's doing a good job. Of all the committees that are hearing the governor's bill, this one is and will be the kindest and most supportive of her.

Be that as it may, the real fight -- or, at least, the biggest and most important battles -- will occur on the House and Senate floors.

I'm of the opinion -- and several reporters agree with me -- that the governor is in a win-win position. A nice place to be. More on that, later.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>
To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 9:28:43 AM
Subject: RE: My apologies

Again, I still haven't heard that Mindy or anyone else was hired. It hasn't been confirmed, that I know. You never encouraged me to apply for the deputy director position. I never have come up to you once in person, in writing, on the phone and said, "I want to be the deputy legislative director." Understandably, I'm very curious who would tell you something like that. That's the only information that's relevant to this entire conversation.

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Please don't offer me knowledge or confidence if it's based on rumor—it doesn't help anybody.

Thanks,

Ivy

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 1:12 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: My apologies

My apologies.

I never meant to offend or hurt you. On the contrary, I intended to offer you encouragement and support. I clearly missed the mark. And for that, I am sorry.

I just want to see you flourish and succeed. Hence, my clumsy attempts in offering you encouragement and the latest rumblings in the capitol. Confidence and knowledge -- that's all I was trying to offer.

To be clear, I want our governor to do well and continue to shine. She's a welcomed balm to this malignant, diseased political system. I want Alaskans' current love affair with her to last the arc and span of her political career. It's good for people to have faith in their leaders and their government. Refreshing, too.

Let me tell you what I tell others unabashedly, including my friends in the press corps: in spite of what happened to me, in spite of my losing a job in the governor's office, I want the governor to succeed. I want her to remain popular and strong. I want her to stay popular and strong so she may negotiate from a position of strength when dealing with the oil industry. You and I both know all too well what it's like for the state to have a weakened, unpopular, and lame-duck governor. I don't want to see that happen again. Especially to her. I adored her while I worked for her. And I still do. As John Tracy said last year, she's a breath of fresh air.

Let me remind you that I voted for Sarah Palin in last year's primary and general elections for two reasons: her strong stand on the gas pipeline and her embodiment of an ethical public life. Sarah Palin doesn't just talk about ethics. She lives it. She embodies it. She has made sacrifices to uphold it. That's why I like her.

Just so you know, I did not forward your e-mail to John or anybody. And I am not sending this one to anyone via blind copy or any other means.

I am disheartened that you have lost your faith and trust in me, if, indeed, you ever had it. This is a personal loss for me.

Perhaps this is the price I must pay when trying to balance my friendship with John with my desire to see the governor succeed.

For what it's worth, I plan to tease him today ... mercilessly ... over John Harris's live shot yesterday during KTUU's 5:00 newscast. Did you see it? Oh, my God. Let me put it this way: John Harris is NO Sarah Palin. Ha! I still marvel at how she handles herself -- so easily and adroitly -- in front of the cameras. She makes it look easy and effortless -- a true sign of a master, as we learn in aikido. It seems she requires so little preparation and then, bam! Nails the press conference. Nails the interview. I don't why, but it leaves me in stitches every time. I've worked for seven legislators. Not one holds a candle to the governor in this regard. She's remarkable. Or, as Bill McAllister once told me, amazing.

As for my previous e-mails to you ...

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I just had a brainstorm one evening that you would be good in the legislative office. And I just wanted you to know that. I still do, by the way, for what that's worth.

When I learned that Mindy got the job, I felt like an idiot having tried to encourage you to pursue a position that had already been filled. I wrongly assumed -- largely because I believed you are far better connected than I -- that you already knew about that hire. My apologies, again, for being a moron.

I do wish you well and I want you to continue to shine.

Chris

----- Original Message -----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalsaka@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 2:32:15 PM

Subject: RE: You could have done it

I hadn't heard they appointed a deputy director. I'm sure it's not public information yet. And how would you know if I was interested anyway?

I don't appreciate you stating the first line as if I had been inquiring with you or anyone else about who the new deputy would be, and I don't appreciate that you infer that you and I have been discussing my interest in the deputy director position. Your email was cleverly written and although I can't prove it I will assume you blind copied others.

Your comments about Tibbles can only come from John Bitney—feel free to share that with him too. And, if Mike was your friend and you believed in the Administration you wouldn't be passing on rumors you hear. I don't want to hear the rumors because I don't believe them.

I've also asked you politely before not to send me emails regarding the governor. I would appreciate if you would honor my request.

I'm not, as you say, trying to get "closer to the governor." I don't need to try. She knows I'd do anything for her.

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalsaka@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:36 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: You could have done it

Yes, I heard about the new deputy legislative director.

Good for Mindy. And condolences to her as well.

This is interesting because it proves that Tibbles still has some sway up there. That he's not quite the lame duck some may perceive him to be.

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It's also interesting because the decision was made during the special session instead of afterwards as expected.

There are several good things about Mindy: she knows the legislature, understands the personalities, she HAS a good personality, she knows Tibbles well, and she knows the importance of fiscal notes. She's competent, experienced, dedicated, and used to putting in long hours. And she wasn't happy with recent developments in Senate Finance.

For what it's worth ...

I think you could have done the job. It would not have been easy. It would have strained the outer limits of diplomacy. But it would have gotten you closer to the governor.

I'm disappointed that you weren't given the chance -- if that was even an option. On the other hand, I would have been mortified if I had encouraged you to take the job, you got it, and it turned out to be a disaster for you -- thus setting you way back rather than moving you way forward. In that regard, I am relieved that you're still where you're at.

You are well off there. Annette and Kevin have much to teach.

My recommendation: get a regular session under your belt there. Just like Frank did. And learn, learn, learn. Have you become more familiar with Excel yet? Here's your chance.

Hang in there, mon amie.

Fondly,

Chris

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 11:26 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: AML Fairbanks

Please let me know if there is anything you want me to communicate at AML next week in Fairbanks, given that is another familiar crowd to you. Sean

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Jon Bolling [jibolling@aptalaska.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 03, 2007 5:31 PM
To: Jollie; Tara L (CED)
Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Kookesh; Albert (LAA); Thomas; Bill (LAA); Smith; Lynne M (GOV);
Commission; Boundary (CED sponsored); Notti; Emil R (CED); Vandor; Marjorie L (LAW);
Bockmon; Julia B (LAW)
Subject: Attached Letter

Dear Ms. Jollie,

Please see attached letter regarding KGB Annexation Petition.

Jon Bolling

Craig City Administrator



November 3, 2007

Via Fax, e-mail, US Mail

Ms. Tara Jollie
State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Dear Director Jollie:

Thank you for your letter dated October 31, 2007. While we appreciate your prompt reply we are disappointed by the tone of your letter and your unwillingness to take all steps necessary to insure that the Local Boundary Commission process is fair to all and comports with the constitutional principles of due process. We are most concerned that your letter raises more questions than answers. The purpose of this letter is to reply to the points raised in your letter, in the order in which they appear.

As a starting point, your letter inaccurately states that we submitted a "conflict of interest claim" against Mr. Bockhorst. You are mistaken. Our letter provided a factual background demonstrating "an apparent conflict of interest." We requested a "full investigation" into the "appearance of a direct and serious conflict of interest." Our language was purposeful in avoiding a conflict of interest accusation because we do not know if such a conflict exists; instead we pointed out that one is apparent and merits both recognition by the State of Alaska and an appropriate response. Your response does not acknowledge the appearance, nor provide an appropriate response. Further, we did not accuse Mr. Bockhorst of unethical conduct under the State Ethics Act. The "appearance of impropriety" is a fundamental notion in a democratic society. The citizens of this democracy have a fundamental right to decisions by its courts and quasi-judicial agencies, such as the LBC, that are free from the appearance of impropriety.

We requested a "full, open, and thorough" investigation into "an apparent conflict of interest" in this matter. Your letter does not comprise a "full" investigation; it surely does not demonstrate an "open" investigation; and we would describe it as minimal, rather than thorough. We are saddened that this Administration has so little concern for the sixteen communities and twelve school districts who will lose \$1,200,000 per year in school funding if the KGB Petition is approved that all it provides in response to our concern is your letter of October 31, 2007. If your letter means the Governor is unwilling to conduct an full, open, and thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the complete reversal of DCCED/DCRA's position on the KGB Petition from its position in 1998, reflected in the 117 page Preliminary Report authored by

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Mr. Bockhorst, the now Borough Manager for KGB, the people of Prince of Wales have the resolve not to be steamrolled by DCCED and the LBC. We will, if necessary, request the court to intervene and insure a fair process consistent with the constitutional principles of due process.

Because your letter attempts to place unsubstantiated information into the LBC record by copying your letter to the LBC, we will address the points in your letter and will similarly copy the LBC with our response. Further, as you were well aware, our letter to the Governor was not copied to the LBC. It is not clear whether you provided the LBC with a copy of our October 19, 2007 letter to the Governor, along with your response. Accordingly we are attaching a copy of our original letter and your response to become part of the official record.

Your letter states that: "I carefully reviewed DCRA records to compare the actions on record with the allegations made in your letter in order to provide you with a thoughtful reply." Please identify what DCRA "records" you reviewed and provide us with a copy of those records. We assume you would agree that if your investigation is supposed to be the "full, open, and thorough" investigation we requested, you will not hesitate to provide us with the records you relied upon in writing your letter.

In our letter of October 19, 2007 we summarized for the Governor, DCCED's recommendation against the KGB petition authored by Mr. Bockhorst in 1998. The recommendation against the Petition does not provide any "disclaimer" that it does not reflect Mr. Bockhorst's personal views. We have seen nothing in the record related to the 1998 Petition and the Preliminary and Final reports indicating that Mr. Bockhorst disagreed with the "DCRA policymakers." Please provide us with copies of anything in the record related to the 1998 Petition that demonstrates that Mr. Bockhorst was in favor of the 1998 Petition, but was directed to write the Preliminary Report recommending against the Petition by "DCRA policymakers."

We disagree with your statement that "Mr. Bockhorst does not make policy." When the petition to form the Skagway Borough was pending, then-Governor Murkowski held a press conference in Skagway and stated his full support for the Skagway Borough Petition, and stated the administration would help support that Petition through the LBC process. Mr. Bockhorst wrote at least three reports for two different LBC hearings recommending against the formation of the Skagway Borough. He wrote those reports and fought the formation of the Skagway Borough, using the budget and other resources of the DCCED, despite the public policy statement of the Governor. Mr. Bockhorst apparently did not follow the "policymakers," but apparently rather his own personal views, in fighting the people in Skagway. Fortunately, for the people in Skagway, and for the State as a whole, the LBC ultimately approved the formation of the Skagway Borough.

The history of staff reports to the LBC demonstrate that those reports have consistently opposed any formation of a borough that would include an "enclave." With regard to the KGB's 1998 Annexation Petition, the LBC staff's Preliminary Report similarly recommends against the KGB Petition because it would create the enclave of Hyder. The Preliminary Report on the current Petition reverses that historic DCCED opposition to the formation of enclaves. This supports our concern that there is the appearance of a conflict. It also raises the question as to who changed DCCED's policy regarding enclaves. As a matter of due process, to whom can the residents of

our communities talk to determine who changed the policy and how that change of policy was communicated to LBC staff for the preparation of the preliminary report? How was the public provided an opportunity to comment on this dramatic change regarding the treatment of enclaves prior to the implementation of the new policy reflected in the preliminary report of June 30, 2007? We take no comfort in such an after the fact effort to re-interpret what is clearly a matter of public record in all the prior reports.

We are surprised that you cite to a footnote in the Preliminary Report to attempt to distance Mr. Bockhorst from the recommendation in the 1998 report. The idea that "prior administration's policy is noted clearly" in the Preliminary Report by a footnote at page 96 is remarkable. In 1998, the DCCED/DCRA, through a report written by Mr. Bockhorst, recommended against the approval of the KGB Petition because the Petition failed to meet the constitutional principles in Article X, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution because Hyder was excluded. It is also a fact that the Preliminary Report of the DCCED/DCRA on the pending Petition, also authored by Mr. Bockhorst, recommends that the KGB Petition be approved because it satisfies Article X, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution, even though Hyder is excluded. There is no way to mince words about it—that can only be called a complete reversal of the recommendation.

The Constitution is not a matter of "policy" that can be changed by administrations. If Governor Palin directed Mr. Bockhorst to change the constitutional policy reflected in the 1998 Report, then such a dramatic shift of constitutional "policy" would not be buried in a footnote on page 96. It would have been fully addressed in the Preliminary and the Final Reports. Please provide us with all documents demonstrating that Governor Palin's administration has directed DCCED/DCRA to change the policy of any prior administration as to the interpretation of Article X, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution, and directed LBC staff to recommend approval of this Petition based on that change of constitutional interpretation.

We are also not comforted by your reliance on a footnote at page 96 of the Report; because, in the way that you rely upon it, the footnote appears to be an after the fact effort by its author to distance himself from the 1998 recommendation. Why would that be important for Mr. Bockhorst to do if he has no personal interest in the KGB Petition? Simply put, the footnote at page 96, and your reliance on it, has no place at all in this process, except because of the appearance of the conflict of interest of Mr. Bockhorst.

We have reviewed the Preliminary Report from 1998. There is no language indicating that "DCRA policy makers in the Knowles Administration" "as contrasted [sic] the LBC Staff Component" opposed the 1998 Petition. Why did Mr. Bockhorst find it necessary to insert "as contrasted [sic] the LBC Staff Component" in the footnote on page 96 of the 2007 report? According to you, the staff does not make policy, so it should not matter—now or then—whether Mr. Bockhorst agreed with the policy. As we noted above, he did not make any alleged "disagreement" known in any way in the 1998 Report. What is again important here is the fact that the two recommendations are directly contradictory, and only after the Borough Manager position in KGB became publicly known to be open, did Mr. Bockhorst write the footnote at page 96, which you are now apparently using to tell us Mr. Bockhorst was only doing the bidding of the "policymakers" in recommending against the Petition in 1998. If the 1998 Preliminary Report was the work of the DCRA "policymakers," and not Mr. Bockhorst, who are

the "policymakers" responsible for the 2007 Preliminary Report and Final Report? Why aren't those "policymakers" acknowledged in the 2007 Reports? Has the LBC been advised of the "policymakers" who allegedly directed the 2007 Reports?

Your letter states that we "insinuated" that the "pending KGB annexation proposal differences are attributable to the personal motives of Mr. Bockhorst." Please identify in our letter where we made such an "insinuation." We did not "insinuate" anything. Again, we provided you with simple facts. The decision by the LBC to deny the KGB petition in 1999 was squarely based on its interpretation of the Constitution. If Mr. Bockhorst does not "make policy," as you state, he surely does not make Constitutional law. If it were true that Mr. Bockhorst does not "make policy," he had an obligation to recommend against this Petition because the LBC is required to adhere to its own interpretation and application of the Alaska Constitution, as a quasi judicial body. What were his "personal motives," using your words, for recommending that the LBC reverse its previous interpretation of the Alaska Constitution?

Your letter characterizes the differences between the 1998 Petition and the pending Petition as "substantial." You then cite as your reasons for that statement:

- 1) the inclusion of Myers Chuck; and
- 2) the extensively different boundaries for the proposed Hyder enclave.

1. The inclusion of Myers Chuck

We are confident that the LBC in 1999 would have denied the KGB Petition if it had included Myers Chuck, but not Hyder. There is no other way to logically read that 1999 decision and the LBC's interpretation of the applicable constitutional provisions. Similarly, there is no way to read the Preliminary Report in 1998 such that it would have recommended the approval of the Petition if Myers Chuck had been included. What part of the Constitution has changed since 1998 that allows DCCED to now recommend that the LBC approve this petition, using Myers Chuck as the justification, with an area of 3.5 square miles, 14 residents, and essentially no State-provided facilities or services?

2. Extensively different boundaries for the proposed enclave of Hyder.

The technical and minor boundary change in the current KGB petition does not address the fundamental constitutional basis for the LBC's 1999 decision. The 1999 decision specifically states that the exclusion of Hyder violated the Alaska Constitution. The technical boundary change in this petition does not "satisfy" the constitution, rather it ensures a permanent and unresolvable Hyder enclave—the precise Constitutional reason the LBC denied the 1999 petition. The result is the State of Alaska will never be relieved of the responsibility for providing all necessary services to the proposed Hyder enclave. Such a result means that the Petition can not satisfy the statutory best interest of the State standard.

We provided a lengthy discussion of these two issues in our comments to the LBC in response to the Preliminary Report. The Final Report prepared by LBC staff failed to address any of the comments submitted by the City of Craig. Why did DCRA choose not to address any of our comments? The purpose of the Final Report is to address the public comments generated by the

Preliminary Report. Were our comments not worthy of response? Did DCRA decide not to provide any guidance to the LBC in its Final Report? Why doesn't DCRA and the LBC postpone the hearing and direct LBC staff to provide a complete and independent Final Report that addresses the comments and concern of the City of Craig and the Myers Chuck Community Association? Why is it important to DCRA and the LBC to approve this Petition quickly, without a full and fair opportunity to consider the constitutional interpretation issues and due process issues? In light of Mr. Bockhorst now being the KGB Manager, these are fair questions, and remain unanswered by your letter.

Your letter attempts to construct a "timeline," which we assume was included to convince us that there is no appearance of a conflict of interest. The continued advocacy by DCRA in support of the KGB Petition continues to taint the process. Are you telling us that the LBC staff assigned to the final report conducted an independent analysis of the KGB Petition, and came to the same recommendations as Mr. Bockhorst, for all the same reasons, and that in doing this independent analysis, the comments from the City of Craig and Myers Chuck Association were not even worthy of response? Do you not see the appearance of the conflict with staff who are subordinate to Mr. Bockhorst doing the Final Report while he is actively seeking the Borough Manager job? Isn't it an appearance of a conflict of interest that DCRA and its employees did not have the independence to be able to make a recommendation contrary to Mr. Bockhorst's preliminary report, because to do so could jeopardize his chance of being named the Borough Manager?

We wrote in our comments to the LBC in response to the Preliminary Report:

"The LBC has two choices. It can reject the recommendation of the LBC staff, and deny the Petition because that would be the factually and legally correct decision. The denial of the Petition would be consistent with the Constitutional principles the LBC is obligated to uphold and apply. The denial of the Petition will be consistent with the 1999 Decision.

The second choice is for the LBC to remove the Preliminary Report from the record and to retain an independent consultant to prepare a report not tainted with the appearance of bias and conflict of interest enveloping this Preliminary Report." (Comments on Behalf of the City of Craig and the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council, p. 17)

Why were these two choices not addressed at all in staff's Final Report? Please explain to us who made the decision not to have an independent person do the Final Report? Why are you continuing to refuse to have an independent person, untainted by the appearance of a conflict of interest, do a Final Report for the LBC? Your timeline offers no explanation for the continued involvement of Mr. Bockhorst's subordinates in the preparation of the Final Report.

Going through your timeline, you indicate that Mr. Bockhorst spoke with the "former DCRA Director" about "policy" on March 26, 2007. Please tell us who that was, and provide us a copy of any memorandum, report, or notes related to that "discussion."

Your timeline, then, does not include any reference to relevant events until June 28, 2007. We take this as your acknowledgment that the KGB Manager position was publicly reported to be

open before June 30, 2007, consistent with our letter to the Governor and our comments to the LBC. What is also missing is mention of any communications between Mr. Bockhorst and the KGB, specifically the former manager. Were there any? Did you review those communications? Did you review the e-mails between Mr. Bockhorst and KGB personnel or representatives? If you did not, why not? We request copies of all correspondence and e-mails between Mr. Bockhorst and any KGB employee, Borough Assembly member or other Borough representative for the period between March 26, 2007 and November 7, 2007.

At the beginning of your letter, you note that your letter is a "thoughtful reply." We assume then that you were being "thoughtful" when you carefully chose the words that Mr. Bockhorst "first became aware of the recruitment for the position on July 31." When he became aware the position was open and when the Borough published a recruitment bulletin are different events. Whether there is an appearance of a conflict is unrelated to when Mr. Bockhorst "became aware of the recruitment." What were the communications, including e-mails, between LBC staff and KGB representatives, from June, when the Borough Assembly publicly accepted the borough manager's resignation, until August 1, 2007? Did you review those communications? Mr. Bockhorst told the Ketchikan Daily News that he was aware of the vacant manager position during the weekend of July 28, 2007. Why the discrepancy between your "timeline" and the newspaper account?

Your timeline refers to a memorandum from Mr. Bockhorst to "the Department Ethics Supervisor" on August 1, 2007. In the interest of fairness and "transparent" government, which Governor Palin has repeatedly stressed in her administration, please provide us a copy of that memorandum and any response from the ethics supervisor.

Your timeline fails to note a lengthy conversation Mr. Bockhorst had on July 31, 2007 with a representative of the Myers Chuck Community Association regarding the KGB Petition. Mr. Bockhorst advised the representative that Myers Chuck should make the case that it has at least as good a case as Hyder for being an enclave. By taking this approach, Myers Chuck would not support inclusion in the Wrangell Borough, as originally expressed by Myers Chuck and reflected in the Wrangell Petition. Did he recuse himself before or after this call? Did you review the records of this call? Mr. Bockhorst told the representative that he had a clock on his desk and that he had just given her 34 minutes of technical assistance. Myers Chuck accepted Mr. Bockhorst's "technical assistance" as reflected in its the association's comments to the LBC. Myers Chuck even obtained the agreement of the KGB for that position. As you know, the Final Report prepared by Ms. McPherson dismissed the proposal of Myers Chuck to be an enclave like Hyder as "clearly unsupported by the facts." The absence of any effort at analysis in the Final Report, after this call with Mr. Bockhorst, raises the appearance of a conflict.

In your concluding paragraph you state there are "discrepancies between the assertions in ... [our] letter and the facts on record." We have not seen the "record" of which you speak. In an often used cliché, the 1998 Preliminary Report, the 1999 Decision, the 2007 Preliminary Report, and the 2007 Final Report "speak for themselves." The irrefutable facts are that the 2007 Preliminary Report advocates for the LBC to interpret the Alaska constitution in a manner diametrically opposite what was advocated by DCCED in the 1998 Preliminary Report, and completely contrary to the decision of the LBC in 1999 on the KGB Petition. It is also a fact that

during this process Mr. Bockhorst applied for and eventually became the KGB Borough Manager. We did not make "assertions." We began by asking the LBC to retain an independent consultant to complete the Final Report. When that was not done, and the Final Report ignored the comments of Craig, and ignored the apparent conflict of interest, we appealed to the Governor because she has expressed a commitment to open government.

In addition to your letter, we received a letter from Ms. Bockmon in the Department of Law, stating in essence, that, based on your letter, Mr. Bockhorst did not violate the Ethics Act. We did not "assert" or "insinuate" or "complain" of any Ethical Act violation, so we are not clear why we received this letter from Ms. Bockmon. Why was Ms. Bockmon directed to treat our letter as an Ethics Act complaint?

However, since you or someone in the Administration referred our letter to the Department of Law under the Ethics Act, it may be instructive to review the purpose of the Ethics Act in light of your letter.

A.S. 39.52.010 states as the policy of the Act:

a) It is declared that

- (1) high moral and ethical standards among public officers in the executive branch are essential to assure the trust, respect, and confidence of the people of this state;
- (2) a code of ethics for the guidance of public officers will
 - (A) discourage those officers from acting upon personal or financial interests in the performance of their public responsibilities;
 - (B) improve standards of public service; and
 - (C) promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people of this state in their public officers;
- (3) holding public office or employment is a public trust and that as one safeguard of that trust, the people require public officers to adhere to a code of ethics;
- (4) a fair and open government requires that executive branch public officers conduct the public's business in a manner that preserves the integrity of the governmental process and avoids conflicts of interest...

Do you mean to tell us by your letter that the people of this State should have a high degree of "trust, respect, and confidence" in DCCED that it has acted fairly, openly, and in the best interests of the people of this State with regard to the KGB Petition? Do you mean to tell us that LBC staff's actions, and the refusal of DCRA to retain an independent consultant, and your letter refusing to conduct an investigation of the appearance of a conflict of interest "promotes and strengthens the faith and confidence of the people of this state in their public officers?" Do you mean to tell us that LBC staff conduct, and that of DCRA, is evidence of a "fair and open government?" Do you mean to tell us that Mr. Bockhorst and DCRA have approached the KGB Petition in a manner that "preserves the integrity of the governmental process and avoid conflict of interest?" If so, we would agree and urge the Department and the LBC to review the current KGB Annexation Petition process to date in that light

We will continue our pursuit of what is right. In a democracy, an open and fair process is fundamental to the trust and confidence of the people. There is no place for even the appearance of a conflict of interest. When an appearance of a conflict of interest arises, the government has an obligation to restore the trust and confidence of the people by taking steps to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

If the LBC adopts Mr. Bockhorst's recommendation, and no independent report is prepared for the LBC, which addresses the comments of Craig, Myers Chuck, and the many others who submitted comments to the Preliminary Report, the people in the unorganized borough in Southeast Alaska will have been denied due process.

In light of the significance to the affected communities and school districts in the unorganized borough, and given the fact that you provided a copy of your October 31, 2007, letter to the LBC, we specifically request the following information, pursuant to AS 40.25.110:

1. All drafts of your October 31, 2007 letter, identifying all current and former LBC staff, who participated or reviewed any of those drafts.
2. All communications, including all e-mails between yourself and any other state employee, with Mr. Bockhorst between October 19, 2007 and October 31, 2007.
3. All DCCED records you reviewed.
4. All records showing that LBC staff was in favor of the KGB 1998 annexation petition.
5. All records from "DCRA policymakers" directing LBC staff to write the preliminary report in 1998 recommending that the LBC deny the KGB annexation petition.
6. All records from any current "DCRA policymakers" to LBC staff regarding the preparation of the Final Report on the current KGB annexation petition.
7. All communications, including e-mails, from all current or former LBC staff persons with Ms. McPherron or any other staff member assigned to prepare the Final Report.
8. Any memorandum, reports, notes, and e-mails related to the discussion on March 26, 2007 between Mr. Bockhorst and the "former DCRA director".
9. The memorandum from Mr. Bockhorst to the department Ethics Supervisor of August 1, 2007, and the department supervisor's response; and any other communication with the department's ethics supervisor.
10. Any notes, reports, memoranda, and e-mail by Mr. Bockhorst related to his July 31, 2007 conversation with representatives of the Meyers Chuck Community Association.
11. All communications, including e-mails, between any KGB employee, assembly member, or representative between March 26, 2007 and November 7, 2007.
12. The file, including notes and all e-mails, from LBC staff members, from the 1998 and 2007 KGB annexation petitions.

In addition to providing us copies the above records, we request that all the above documents be made a part of the official record of the pending KGB annexation petition.

Response Letter to Tara Jollie
November 3, 2007

There is still time for DCRA and the LBC to do the right thing and either deny the KGB Petition, or postpone the hearing until an independent report is prepared. If not, we are prepared seek the assistance of the Court.

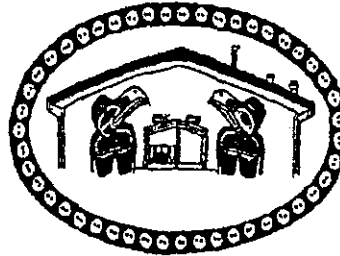
Sincerely,



Jon Bolling
City Administrator

Attachments

Cc w/attachments: Governor Palin
Lynne Smith
Local Boundary Commission
Emil Notti
Mark Davis
Marjorie Vandor
Julia Bockmon
Senator Kookesh
Representative Thomas
Carol Brown
Millie Stevens
Jim Van Altvorst, Van Altvorst & Associates
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Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council



CRAIG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

October 19, 2007

Governor Sarah Palin
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: Conflict of Interest of Dan Bockhorst Regarding Ketchikan Gateway Borough Annexation Petition

Dear Governor Palin:

We write you with the utmost concern for the appearance of impropriety that pervades the Local Boundary Commission process related to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Annexation Petition. We write you because we sincerely believe that the people of this State, and in particular the small communities and school districts of Southeast Alaska, are being denied due process and fair treatment directly resulting from an apparent conflict of interest involving Mr. Dan Bockhorst.

Mr. Bockhorst is the senior local government specialist in your administration assigned as the staff to the Local Boundary Commission. On June 30, 2007, Mr. Bockhorst completed a 117 page Preliminary Report recommending that the LBC approve the KGB Annexation Petition. Shortly after completing his report, Mr. Bockhorst applied for the vacant KGB Borough Manager position. On October 13, 2007, KGB hired Mr. Bockhorst as its new Borough Manager under a five-year contract, effective November 1, 2007. He will start with a salary of \$110,000, going up to \$121,000 in two years.

We have attached the response of the City of Craig to the Preliminary Report of Mr. Bockhorst. The importance of a conflict of interest is easily demonstrated. On April 16, 1999, the Local Boundary Commission denied the Annexation Proposal of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough because "the proposal fails to serve all the relevant principles established in the Constitution of the State of Alaska." (Statement of Decision, 1999, p. 14) The reason the Petition violated the Alaska Constitution was because the Petition sought to annex a large area of uninhabited land, while not annexing the only community in that area—Hyder. The reason for annexing the uninhabited land in 1999 was to obtain a significant increase in forest receipts from the federal government. By excluding Hyder, KGB would obtain the forest receipts and not have to provide any services to anyone actually living in the area being annexed.

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Mr. Bockhorst prepared the Preliminary Report in 1998 recommending that the LBC reject the KGB petition because it excluded Hyder, and he specifically pointed out the unfairness of KGB obtaining a significant increase in forest receipts without having to provide any services. The unfairness directly impacts the City of Craig, sixteen communities, and twelve school districts in the unorganized borough in Southeast Alaska, who stand to lose a combined \$1.2 million each year if the annexation is approved. To the extent that KGB can annex land currently in the unorganized borough, the current forest receipts of the communities and school districts in the unorganized borough will be reduced dramatically in proportion to the land annexed by KGB. Mr. Bockhorst also stated in his 1998 recommendation to reject the Petition that the annexation without Hyder would violate the Alaska Constitution.

KGB submitted the pending Petition in 2006. As it did in 1998, this Petition excludes Hyder. If the Petition is approved by the LBC, KGB will receive an additional \$1,200,000 in forest receipts per year.

After KGB announced the vacancy of its Borough Manager position, Mr. Bockhorst submitted his report to the LBC completely reversing his recommendation of 1998. Although nothing had changed, he now stated to the LBC that the Constitutional had sufficient "flexibility" to allow KGB to annex the uninhabited land and exclude Hyder. Shortly after submitting that report, he applied for the KGB Borough Manager position.

The LBC scheduled the public hearing on the KGB Annexation Petition for November 6, 2007, and scheduled the decisional meeting on that Petition for November 7, 2007. We respectfully request that you immediately:



1. Direct the LBC to cancel the public hearing until the Attorney General can conduct a full investigation into the apparent conflict of interest;
2. Direct the Attorney General to conduct a full, thorough, and open investigation of the conflict of interest.

You have repeatedly stated that your administration is "transparent" and you have repeatedly stated that your administration will not tolerate any appearances of impropriety or conflicts of interest. We have to trust that you will recognize the seriousness of this situation and honor your commitment to the people of the State. This is especially true when you consider that the final report on the proposed annexation does not address the concerns we raised about the preliminary report.

We truly cannot believe that you will allow the LBC to go forward on this Petition without conducting a full investigation into these circumstances. We request that you consider the

devastating impact on the school children in the unorganized borough of the loss of \$1,200,000 per year in school funding, which cannot be allowed constitutionally or under the unquestionable appearance of a direct and serious conflict of interest.

We look forward to your prompt action and response in light of the pending LBC hearing on November 6, 2007.


Jon Bolling
City Administrator
Millie Stevens
Tribal President, Craig Community Assn.



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*Sarah Palin, Governor
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October 31, 2007

Mr. Jon Bolling, City Administrator
City of Craig
P.O. Box 725
Craig, Alaska 99921

Dear Mr. Bolling:

As Director of the Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) which provides staff support for the Local Boundary Commission, I was asked to respond to your letter of October 19, 2007. This letter alleges a conflict of interest on the part of Dan Bockhorst, DCRA lead state staff to the Local Boundary Commission. Your letter claims Mr. Bockhorst's role in the pending Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) annexation proceedings, past and present, and his recent appointment as KGB Manager offered to him October 13, 2007, substantiate your conflict of interest claim against him.

Your letter also asks that the Governor direct the Attorney General to investigate this conflict of interest claim, as well as direct the Local Boundary Commission to cancel its November 6, 2007, public hearing on the Ketchikan annexation proposal until the Attorney General's investigation is complete.

I carefully reviewed DCRA records to compare the actions on record with allegations made in your letter in order to provide you with a thoughtful reply. I also wanted to determine if DCRA had anything in our records that supports the statements in your letter and/or supports your request for an official investigation and cancellation of the Ketchikan annexation proposal public hearings scheduled for November 8, 2007.

Your letter asserts that (1) after KGB announced the vacancy of its Borough Manager position, Mr. Bockhorst submitted his report to the LBC completely reversing his recommendation of 1998. You also claim that (2) although nothing had changed, Mr. Bockhorst now stated to the LBC that the Constitution had sufficient flexibility to allow KGB to annex the uninhabited land and exclude Hyder. You further claim that (3) shortly after submitting that report, he applied for the KGB Borough Manager position. *These statements are not based on facts. DCRA records clearly show the following:*

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Regarding assertions (1) and (2) which discuss a recommendation in the 1998 proposal that is different in the current proposal, and your assertion that Mr. Bockhorst completely reversed his 1998 recommendation to the LBC. These assertions are not true. It is important to note that the 1998 recommendation reflected the policy direction of a prior administration. Staff, including Mr. Bockhorst, does not set policy. The prior administration's policy is noted clearly in the *DCCED Preliminary Report to the Local Boundary Commission Regarding the Petition for Annexation of Approximately 4,701 Square Miles to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough*, June 30, 2007, p. 96, n. 67.

"DCRA policy makers in the Knowles Administration (i.e., the Office of the Commissioner and the Director, as contrasted to the LBC Staff Component), opposed the prior KGB annexation proposal. Reflecting the views of the DCRA policy maker's, DCRA's preliminary report stated the following with respect to the standard at issue here:

In the view of DCRA policy makers, significant adverse financial impacts on communities in the unorganized borough are a more important consideration than the constitutional principles in this particular instance."

Furthermore, contrary to your insinuation that the pending KGB annexation proposal differences are attributable to the personal motives of Mr. Bockhorst, the pending proposal is significantly different from the 1998 annexation proposal for substantial reasons including the following:

Among the important differences is the inclusion of Meyer's Chuck and extensively different boundaries for the proposed Hyder enclave. Those different boundaries for the Hyder enclave address particular concerns expressed by the Local Boundary Commission in its 1999 decision. Further, Exhibit K of the current Petition provides a thorough discussion by the Petitioner of justification for postponing the annexation of Hyder and the future circumstances which may lead to its inclusion in the Ketchikan Borough.

Regarding assertion (3) that shortly after completing the preliminary 2007 report, Mr. Bockhorst applied for the KGB Borough Manager position, our records clearly shows this timeline of events:

March 26, 2007: Mr. Bockhorst began his analysis of the Ketchikan annexation proposal at which point he discussed policy aspects of the proposal with the former DCRA Director.

June 28, 2007: Mr. Bockhorst's work on the 2007 preliminary report was complete and forwarded to the DCRA publications technician for formatting and publication.

July 29, 2007: just over one month after Mr. Bockhorst completed his work on the annexation proposal for the Department's 2007 preliminary report, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough first announced that it was recruiting for a Borough Manager.

August 1, 2007: In accordance with the Executive Branch Ethics Act, Mr. Bockhorst wrote a memorandum to the Department's Ethics Supervisor disclosing that he had an interest in applying for the Ketchikan Borough Manager position. Mr. Bockhorst stated in this memorandum that he first became aware of the recruitment for the position on July 31. In that memorandum, he recused himself with respect to any and all future dealings regarding the Ketchikan annexation proposal. Mr. Bockhorst's work regarding the Ketchikan annexation proceeding was immediately reassigned to Ms. Jeanne McPherran.

October 15, 2007: Ms. McPherran, not Mr. Bockhorst, independently prepared the 2007 final report regarding the Ketchikan annexation proposal.

To conclude, given the discrepancies between the assertions in your letter and the facts on record, I find no basis to support or recommend that the Local Boundary Commission cancel or postpone its upcoming hearing. Furthermore, I find no reason to support your request for an official investigation into a conflict of interest claim against Mr. Dan Bockhorst.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, I can be reached directly at 907-269-7959.

Sincerely,



Tara Jollie, Director

cc: Governor Sarah Palin
Lynne Smith, Special Assistant to Governor Palin
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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 10:40 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: RE: AML Fairbanks

Thank you! Will do.

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sun 11/4/2007 7:35 AM

To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: AML Fairbanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Nov 3, 2007 11:26 AM

Subject: AML Fairbanks

Please let me know if there is anything you want me to communicate at AML next week in Fairbanks, given that is another familiar crowd to you. Sean

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]
Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 8:06 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Road Replacement

Okay.

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From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>
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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIE]
Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 7:45 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: My apologies

Here's the latest. Don't worry, I won't be forwarding anymore emails from chris unless there's some substantial revelation.

The thing that bothers me the most is he likes to perpetuate instability on the 3rd floor, and that it has only gotten worse since he and bit left. Who does he think he is?

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcakaska@yahoo.com>
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:33:17 2007
Subject: Re: My apologies

In regards to who's leaking information from the Third Floor, that I don't know. And that's the truth.

As a common understanding, courtesy, or condition when getting something that may be sensitive, I don't press my sources on where they get their information -- unless I really need something on the record. However, insisting that my sources reveal their sources is usually met by a grin, a wag of the finger, or an "Oh, Chris, you know better than to ask that." If I press, then I risk losing an opportunity in the future for more information. That's just the way things work in the capitol and on the street. That's why it takes years to build up trust. (And only a second to destroy it.)

When I worked for the governor, I was stunned several times when certain people with offices on the ground, 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th floors knew more about what was going on in the governor's office or, a source of perpetual frustration, knew more about the governor's schedule than did I. Heather, for example, seemed to know EVERYTHING that was happening on the Third Floor long before she was considered a candidate for the governor's legislative office. It was remarkable, if not troubling.

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 2:32:15 PM

Subject: RE: You could have done it

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There are several good things about Mindy: she knows the legislature, understands the personalities, she HAS a good personality, she knows Tibbles well, and she knows the importance of fiscal notes. She's competent, experienced, dedicated, and used to putting in long hours. And she wasn't happy with recent developments in Senate Finance.

For what it's worth ...

I think you could have done the job. It would not have been easy. It would have strained the outer limits of diplomacy. But it would have gotten you closer to the governor.

I'm disappointed that you weren't given the chance -- if that was even an option. On the other hand, I would have been mortified if I had encouraged you to take the job, you got it, and it turned out to be a disaster for you -- thus setting you way back rather than moving you way forward. In that regard, I am relieved that you're still where you're at.

You are well off there. Annette and Kevin have much to teach.

My recommendation: get a regular session under your belt there. Just like Frank did. And learn, learn, learn. Have you become more familiar with Excel yet? Here's your chance.

Hang in there, mon amie.

Fondly,

Chris

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 7:35 AM
To: Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Road Replacement

Leo- when you get this message pls give me a call so we can discuss MacKinnon's replacement asap. Thanks!

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To: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
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Hi Leo:

Hope your interview with Privileged o went well. I like her. She'd be good.

I have an idea on MacKinnon's replacement. (I got an email yest saying he's resigning.)
Confidentially for now until we get to talk about it: remember Privileged or Personal Material R
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Talk to you soon.

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Subject: Re: AML Fairbanks

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Nov 3, 2007 11:26 AM
Subject: AML Fairbanks

Please let me know if there is anything you want me to communicate at AML next week in Fairbanks, given that is another familiar crowd to you. Sean

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Myrna Brown [mbrown@ccthita.org]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 9:59 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Request
Importance: High
Good Morning Randy,

The meeting with the Attorney General Talis Colberg and Assistant Attorney General Stacy Steinberg occurred October 19, 2007 with Eddie Brakes, Child Support Manager, Jessie Archibald, CS Tribal Attorney, Alfred McKinley, Sr., Judiciary Member and Debra O'Gara, Magistrate. We appreciated meeting with both Mr. Colberg and Ms. Steinberg for that meeting.

The introductions, relationships and interests were well established in the meeting. The position of the CCTHITA delegation appeared to be (1) a request for the State to honor the [presumptive agreement and its] terms of the "transfer process" for TCSU cases previously discussed and agreed upon by CSSD and detailed in the March 29, 2007 letter which provided for two possible procedures for transfer. The CCTHITA delegation's negotiating position also included (2) its request the CSSD keep transferred cases open for the purpose of assisting the CCTHITA with IRS and PFD intercepts, and (3) for the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) to provide access for TSCU to copies of birth certificates and (4) to make necessary changes to existing birth certificates in accordance with a Tribal Court Paternity Order.

Alfred McKinley's talk about the primary goal of providing for the needs of children and custodial parents served by Title IV-D, and the prospect for cooperation between the CCTHITA and the State was important, and a reprise of the common goal of serving needy children is indeed our focus. Indian Child Welfare Act facts concerning jurisdiction of tribal courts to which Title IV-D legislation and regulation may refer and be addressed for discussion.

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Thank you.

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There are several good things about Mindy: she knows the legislature, understands the personalities, she HAS a good personality, she knows Tibbles well, and she knows the importance of fiscal notes. She's competent, experienced, dedicated, and used to putting in long hours. And she wasn't happy with recent developments in Senate Finance.

For what it's worth ...

I think you could have done the job. It would not have been easy. It would have strained the outer limits of diplomacy. But it would have gotten you closer to the governor.

I'm disappointed that you weren't given the chance -- if that was even an option. On the other hand, I would have been mortified if I had encouraged you to take the job, you got it, and it turned out to be a disaster for you -- thus setting you way back rather than moving you way forward. In that regard, I am relieved that you're still where you're at.

You are well off there. Annette and Kevin have much to teach.

My recommendation: get a regular session under your belt there. Just like Frank did. And learn, learn, learn. Have

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you become more familiar with Excel yet? Here's your chance.

Hang in there, mon amie.

Fondly,

Chris

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Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 11:22 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: RCA Task Force Member-Dianne Kiesel

Ahhh thanks so much.

Working on NPFMC, more Supreme Court, and then onto the other 50+ spots to fill.

Woo-hoo!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Sent: Mon Nov 05 11:15:52 2007
Subject: Re: RCA Task Force Member-Dianne Kiesel

Sounds good on all three.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 20:12:16

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Subject: Re: GtG

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Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 10:39 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Savland; Monica L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Legal_and_lawsuits

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 11:23 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Mr. Loren Leman
address: 2699 Nathaniel Ct Anchorage AK 99517
243-2000 or 351-8683

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Thank you for your response to the Alaska Supreme Court's outrageous decision regarding Alaska's parental consent law and the judicial bypass provided in SB24 in 1997. I know a little bit about this--as I was the prime sponsor of this legislation. I concur with your direction to Attorney General Colberg to file a petition for rehearing. I have thoughts on the timing of this that I would be happy to discuss with you.

As you know, enforcing Alaska's parental involvement statute is vitally important.

Loren Leman

loren@lorenleman.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 10:11 AM
To: barbaraseyboln@msn.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 8:59 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. barbara seybold
address: p.o box 521584 big lake AK 99652
907-892-7902

MESSAGE:

I just want to encourage and bless you Gov. Palin. I am so pleased with your decisions thus far. SINCERELY an ALASKAN.

barbaraseyboln@msn.com

PLEASE ADD TO E-NEWS

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 9:15 AM
To: Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Subject: Re: Road Replacement

Thank you

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From: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Mon Nov 05 09:14:06 2007
Subject: RE: Road Replacement

As discussed, I will track Murph down and ask his status. LEO

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 7:58 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Bed

Hello Governor,

Yes, I received it and we'll get it taken care of with the least amount of fuss .

When this phase of the plumbing project is over I had requested to have the portable W/D moved to the 3rd floor linen closet, so it shouldn't be an issue. I apologize for involving Linda in these kinds of matters. My understanding is that she was not opposed to taking care of this; she wanted to work it so it wouldn't appear like something out of the norm-i.e. using areas that were closest to existing 220 outlets and running the conduit from there. I think that we're fine if we include it with the w/d on the 3rd floor.

It's good/helpful to know how you want things handled, so I appreciate your feedback!

On a day like today-I wish the bed was ready to go for you to use right away!!

Thanks,

Erika

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Cc: Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon Nov 05 05:34:41 2007
Subject: Fw: Bed

Hi erika. Did you get this email?

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 3 Nov 2007 15:31:25

To: "Erika Fagerstrom" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 6:45 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Road Replacement

Will do.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>
To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Sent: 11/5/2007 5:34 AM
Subject: Fw: Road Replacement

Pls tell him to look at his weekend emails today and to call me

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Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 8:44 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Juneau Empire

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On way to Fairbanks to speak to the group of municipal clerks gathered ahead of AML.

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Cc: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Mon Nov 05 05:42:35 2007
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Subject: RCA Task Force Member-Dianne Kiesel

Good Morning,

I am just following up about the latest on the decision to appoint Dianne Kiesel to the RCA taskforce. As you recall, she is the last member to make the administration's appointments complete.

Anna

Anna Kim

Special Staff Assistant

Office of the Governor

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
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Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 11:40 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Mike Kelly

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 2:40 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: RE: Dinner

Thank you- enjoy your pizzas!

Erika Fagerstrom

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Governor's House
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From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 2:37 PM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Subject: RE: Dinner

thanks! i'm sure it'll be great so if it's convenient an account there would be fine.

thanks erika,
SP

"Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov> wrote:

You'll have 4 large pizzas from Bullwinkles today at 5:00pm.

We don't have an account there, so rather than calling Admin. Services to request a check... I talked to Janice and she'll put it on the office card. If you like Bullwinkles, let me know and I can look into having an account set-up or maybe they'd give me a card for things like this.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 1:47 PM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Subject: R : Dinner

Another thing- at 5pm we want to have pizza for ACES team. We were originally going to do this at the house but they can't sneak away from the capitol during hearing... So can you order four Large pizzas from somewhere good (I hear Bullwinkles is good but I haven't tried it) and ask them to deliver to third floor capitol. If we don't have an account there, I have a state credit card but don't know how we're supposed to pay for something like that. Thanks!
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 22:33:07
To: "Erika Fagerstrom"
Subject: Re: Dinner

Steak! Thanks!
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----
From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)"

Date: Mon, 05 Nov 2007 13:07:29
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Dinner

Would you like a steak, chicken or halibut for tonight? I hate to bother you; just want to make sure you're not neglected. :) We're here to serve!!

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From: Lloyd, Denby S (DFG) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DSLLOYD]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 6:23 PM
To: 'Dwight Kramer'
Cc: Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); 'John Hilsinger'; Swanton; Charles O (DFG); Marcotte; Jim R (DFG)
Subject: RE: KAFC 08 UCI BOF Process Letter

Dwight:

I appreciate your comments regarding BOF process; many of your suggestions warrant consideration.

I do need to correct a misapprehension of yours however. Your letter indicates that I, and a couple division directors, promised that "the reports [from the department to the Board of Fisheries] would be completed by Dec. 1, 2007 and at the latest 30 days prior to the BOF meeting" and that you've now been informed that they will not be available prior to mid-January.

Actually, my commitment to you and other interest groups in Cook Inlet was that two specific reports (on sockeye overescapement and on sockeye genetic stock identification) and likely the Cook Inlet salmon escapement goal review, would be available by December 1. Our intention still is to have those reports completed and available to the public by December 1. As for more standard reports to the BOF, those are being prepared and distributed according to general BOF protocols, with which I understand you have concern but which were not part of our commitments regarding the special reports identified above. If you would have checked with staff or me prior to sending out your letter, you would have been assured as much.

If you have any other questions, please let us know.

Take care, DL.

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From: Dwight Kramer [mailto:dwimkr@gcl.net]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 5:05 PM
To: Marcotte, Jim R (DFG)
Cc: Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); John Hilsinger; Swanton, Charles O (DFG); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)
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Thank you for the opportunity to present these concerns to the Board.

Dwight Kramer
KAFC Chairman 283-1054

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

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Nov. 3, 2007

Dear Chairman Morris,

In preparation for the upcoming 08 UCI Board of Fish (BOF) meeting, Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition would like to express our concerns about the BOF process and preparation materials for that meeting. Our concerns revolve around the following; 1) timeliness of Department reports; 2) the advisory committee process; 3) omission of data and reports from the Department; 4) committee process and 5) deliberations and new material submissions.

Our group is largely made up of retired fisheries scientists and our value to the BOF and advisory boards is based on our ability to analyze data, provide feedback to the ADF&G and assist in clarifying reports and information. Our effectiveness in assisting the BOF relies on adequate time for review.

In meetings with Commissioner Lloyd and Department directors we were informed that the reports would be completed by Dec. 1, 2007 and at the latest 30 days prior to the BOF meeting. We have recently been advised that most of the reports would not be available prior to mid-January. This is unacceptable to our group, and we assume to other groups involved in finding solutions to Upper Cook Inlet fishery issues.

The advisory committee process is seriously compromised by this lack of data. They will be making recommendations without factual data to base decisions on. In fact, some of the advisory committees are meeting right now and have no data before them. How can the advisory committees make good recommendations when Department staff is not in full agreement on the data? Discussions are on-going on the impacts of large escapements, the status of Susitna River sockeye, the harvest of Susitna River fish in the commercial fisheries, the status of escapement goals, the legal ramifications of making windows a priority over all escapement goals, and ADF&G comments on the proposals.

We are concerned that the reports listed by ADF&G for presentation to the BOF are not complete. We noticed that ADF&G has no report scheduled for the status of stocks in UCI, especially coho salmon; no report on the status of habitat degradation in the Kenai River from recreational use, including the personal use fishery (this is required in regulation); and no report on the findings of the starvation investigation of Kenai River sockeye salmon juveniles.

Our organization is very concerned about the committee process and flow of information to all of the BOF members. It is our experience that significant information is presented at the committee level and yet this information is rarely transmitted to the full BOF. Written reports are not complete and there is no tape record of the meetings to validate what is in the written committee reports.

We also have observed committee members misstate what the committee said or omit data that the committee had before it in their presentations. Therefore, we would like the BOF to meet in full on the important UCI issues and solve them via deliberation before the committees meet. These include: 1) proposals that deal with escapement goals and whether they will be a priority for UCI management and 2) proposals that restrict the flexibility of ADF&G in management of the fisheries (fixed windows and time limitations) – these proposals would reduce the adaptive management flexibility of ADF&G.

The last area of concern has to do with last minute proposals or compromises that are brought before the Board during the deliberation process. This occurred in both the 2002 and 2005 meetings. It allowed for select special interest groups to get their most precious issues passed into regulation without having to go through the proposal/comment and committee process.

In 2002 it was the Kenai River Sport Fishing Association's (KRSA), Kenai River early run Chinook catch and release regulation change that was subsequently overturned because of public outcry.

In 2005 KRSA and United Cook Inlet Drift Association (specific to drift gill net regulations and consequences only) brought a brand new proposal to the BOF during the meeting that authorized a re-allocation of hundreds of thousands of sockeye salmon, lowered the escapement goals in the Yentna River, raised the Kenai escapement goal by 50,000 and established a presumptive 36 hour window on a segment of the commercial set net fishermen. This was done without any advisory committee review or public comment. The proposal was brought to the BOF and passed in less than 30 minutes. This was an unethical action on part of the BOF and compromised the sense of any public process for that meeting.

We realize that there will be some alterations to regulations or proposals toward the end of the deliberation process. However, we would request that the BOF hold in abeyance (at least 24 hours) any new regulation generated by the BOF that is significantly different from the published proposals. During this 24 hours period we would request that ADF&G staff review the proposal for management concerns and the BOF allow the public to submit comments on the proposal via the RC process prior to any action by the BOF.

We hope you will give these matters careful consideration. Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

We will be in attendance at the Lower Cook Inlet meeting if you would like to discuss these concerns in more detail.

Dwight Kramer, KAFC Chairman

Cc: Denby Lloyd, Commissioner of ADF&G
John Hilsinger, COMFISH Director
Charles Swanton, Sport Fish Director
Jim Marcotte, Director of Board Support
Gov. Sarah Palin, Office of the Governor
Tom Wagoner, Alaska State Senate

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Commission, Boundary (CED sponsored) [lbc@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 10:12 AM
To: Jon Bolling; Jollie; Tara L (CED)
Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Kookesh; Albert (LAA); Thomas; Bill (LAA); Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Notti; Emil R (CED); Vandro; Marjorie L (LAW); Bockmon; Julia B (LAW)
Subject: RE: Attached Letter

Mr. Bolling:

Your email and attachment has been received and forwarded to the Director and her assistant as 8:30 am this morning.

From: Jon Bolling [mailto:jbolling@aptalaska.net]
Sent: Sat 11/3/2007 5:31 PM
To: Jollie, Tara L (CED)
Cc: Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Kookesh, Albert (LAA); Thomas, Bill (LAA); Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Commission, Boundary (CED sponsored); Notti, Emil R (CED); Vandro, Marjorie L (LAW); Bockmon, Julia B (LAW)
Subject: Attached Letter

Dear Ms. Jollie,

Please see attached letter regarding KGB Annexation Petition.

Jon Bolling
Craig City Administrator

6/9/2009

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November 3, 2007

Via Fax, e-mail, US Mail

Ms. Tara Jollie
State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Dear Director Jollie:

Thank you for your letter dated October 31, 2007. While we appreciate your prompt reply we are disappointed by the tone of your letter and your unwillingness to take all steps necessary to insure that the Local Boundary Commission process is fair to all and comports with the constitutional principles of due process. We are most concerned that your letter raises more questions than answers. The purpose of this letter is to reply to the points raised in your letter, in the order in which they appear.

As a starting point, your letter inaccurately states that we submitted a "conflict of interest claim" against Mr. Bockhorst. You are mistaken. Our letter provided a factual background demonstrating "an apparent conflict of interest." We requested a "full investigation" into the "appearance of a direct and serious conflict of interest." Our language was purposeful in avoiding a conflict of interest accusation because we do not know if such a conflict exists; instead we pointed out that one is apparent and merits both recognition by the State of Alaska and an appropriate response. Your response does not acknowledge the appearance, nor provide an appropriate response. Further, we did not accuse Mr. Bockhorst of unethical conduct under the State Ethics Act. The "appearance of impropriety" is a fundamental notion in a democratic society. The citizens of this democracy have a fundamental right to decisions by its courts and quasi-judicial agencies, such as the LBC, that are free from the appearance of impropriety.

We requested a "full, open, and thorough" investigation into "an apparent conflict of interest" in this matter. Your letter does not comprise a "full" investigation; it surely does not demonstrate an "open" investigation; and we would describe it as minimal, rather than thorough. We are saddened that this Administration has so little concern for the sixteen communities and twelve school districts who will lose \$1,200,000 per year in school funding if the KGB Petition is approved that all it provides in response to our concern is your letter of October 31, 2007. If your letter means the Governor is unwilling to conduct an full, open, and thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the complete reversal of DCCED/DCRA's position on the KGB Petition from its position in 1998, reflected in the 117 page Preliminary Report authored by

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Mr. Bockhorst, the now Borough Manager for KGB, the people of Prince of Wales have the resolve not to be steamrolled by DCCED and the LBC. We will, if necessary, request the court to intervene and insure a fair process consistent with the constitutional principles of due process.

Because your letter attempts to place unsubstantiated information into the LBC record by copying your letter to the LBC, we will address the points in your letter and will similarly copy the LBC with our response. Further, as you were well aware, our letter to the Governor was not copied to the LBC. It is not clear whether you provided the LBC with a copy of our October 19, 2007 letter to the Governor, along with your response. Accordingly we are attaching a copy of our original letter and your response to become part of the official record.

Your letter states that: "I carefully reviewed DCRA records to compare the actions on record with the allegations made in your letter in order to provide you with a thoughtful reply." Please identify what DCRA "records" you reviewed and provide us with a copy of those records. We assume you would agree that if your investigation is supposed to be the "full, open, and thorough" investigation we requested, you will not hesitate to provide us with the records you relied upon in writing your letter.

In our letter of October 19, 2007 we summarized for the Governor, DCCED's recommendation against the KGB petition authored by Mr. Bockhorst in 1998. The recommendation against the Petition does not provide any "disclaimer" that it does not reflect Mr. Bockhorst's personal views. We have seen nothing in the record related to the 1998 Petition and the Preliminary and Final reports indicating that Mr. Bockhorst disagreed with the "DCRA policymakers." Please provide us with copies of anything in the record related to the 1998 Petition that demonstrates that Mr. Bockhorst was in favor of the 1998 Petition, but was directed to write the Preliminary Report recommending against the Petition by "DCRA policymakers."

We disagree with your statement that "Mr. Bockhorst does not make policy." When the petition to form the Skagway Borough was pending, then-Governor Murkowski held a press conference in Skagway and stated his full support for the Skagway Borough Petition, and stated the administration would help support that Petition through the LBC process. Mr. Bockhorst wrote at least three reports for two different LBC hearings recommending against the formation of the Skagway Borough. He wrote those reports and fought the formation of the Skagway Borough, using the budget and other resources of the DCCED, despite the public policy statement of the Governor. Mr. Bockhorst apparently did not follow the "policymakers," but apparently rather his own personal views, in fighting the people in Skagway. Fortunately, for the people in Skagway, and for the State as a whole, the LBC ultimately approved the formation of the Skagway Borough.

The history of staff reports to the LBC demonstrate that those reports have consistently opposed any formation of a borough that would include an "enclave." With regard to the KGB's 1998 Annexation Petition, the LBC staff's Preliminary Report similarly recommends against the KGB Petition because it would create the enclave of Hyder. The Preliminary Report on the current Petition reverses that historic DCCED opposition to the formation of enclaves. This supports our concern that there is the appearance of a conflict. It also raises the question as to who changed DCCED's policy regarding enclaves. As a matter of due process, to whom can the residents of

our communities talk to determine who changed the policy and how that change of policy was communicated to LBC staff for the preparation of the preliminary report? How was the public provided an opportunity to comment on this dramatic change regarding the treatment of enclaves prior to the implementation of the new policy reflected in the preliminary report of June 30, 2007? We take no comfort in such an after the fact effort to re-interpret what is clearly a matter of public record in all the prior reports.

We are surprised that you cite to a footnote in the Preliminary Report to attempt to distance Mr. Bockhorst from the recommendation in the 1998 report. The idea that "prior administration's policy is noted clearly" in the Preliminary Report by a footnote at page 96 is remarkable. In 1998, the DCCED/DCRA, through a report written by Mr. Bockhorst, recommended against the approval of the KGB Petition because the Petition failed to meet the constitutional principles in Article X, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution because Hyder was excluded. It is also a fact that the Preliminary Report of the DCCED/DCRA on the pending Petition, also authored by Mr. Bockhorst, recommends that the KGB Petition be approved because it satisfies Article X, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution, even though Hyder is excluded. There is no way to mince words about it--that can only be called a complete reversal of the recommendation.

The Constitution is not a matter of "policy" that can be changed by administrations. If Governor Palin directed Mr. Bockhorst to change the constitutional policy reflected in the 1998 Report, then such a dramatic shift of constitutional "policy" would not be buried in a footnote on page 96. It would have been fully addressed in the Preliminary and the Final Reports. Please provide us with all documents demonstrating that Governor Palin's administration has directed DCCED/DCRA to change the policy of any prior administration as to the interpretation of Article X, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution, and directed LBC staff to recommend approval of this Petition based on that change of constitutional interpretation.

We are also not comforted by your reliance on a footnote at page 96 of the Report; because, in the way that you rely upon it, the footnote appears to be an after the fact effort by its author to distance himself from the 1998 recommendation. Why would that be important for Mr. Bockhorst to do if he has no personal interest in the KGB Petition? Simply put, the footnote at page 96, and your reliance on it, has no place at all in this process, except because of the appearance of the conflict of interest of Mr. Bockhorst.

We have reviewed the Preliminary Report from 1998. There is no language indicating that "DCRA policy makers in the Knowles Administration" "as contrasted [sic] the LBC Staff Component" opposed the 1998 Petition. Why did Mr. Bockhorst find it necessary to insert "as contrasted [sic] the LBC Staff Component" in the footnote on page 96 of the 2007 report? According to you, the staff does not make policy, so it should not matter--now or then--whether Mr. Bockhorst agreed with the policy. As we noted above, he did not make any alleged "disagreement" known in any way in the 1998 Report. What is again important here is the fact that the two recommendations are directly contradictory, and only after the Borough Manager position in KGB became publicly known to be open, did Mr. Bockhorst write the footnote at page 96, which you are now apparently using to tell us Mr. Bockhorst was only doing the bidding of the "policymakers" in recommending against the Petition in 1998. If the 1998 Preliminary Report was the work of the DCRA "policymakers," and not Mr. Bockhorst, who are

the "policymakers" responsible for the 2007 Preliminary Report and Final Report? Why aren't those "policymakers" acknowledged in the 2007 Reports? Has the LBC been advised of the "policymakers" who allegedly directed the 2007 Reports?

Your letter states that we "insinuated" that the "pending KGB annexation proposal differences are attributable to the personal motives of Mr. Bockhorst." Please identify in our letter where we made such an "insinuation." We did not "insinuate" anything. Again, we provided you with simple facts. The decision by the LBC to deny the KGB petition in 1999 was squarely based on its interpretation of the Constitution. If Mr. Bockhorst does not "make policy," as you state, he surely does not make Constitutional law. If it were true that Mr. Bockhorst does not "make policy," he had an obligation to *recommend against this Petition because the LBC is required to adhere to its own interpretation and application of the Alaska Constitution, as a quasi judicial body.* What were his "personal motives," using your words, for recommending that the LBC reverse its previous interpretation of the Alaska Constitution?

Your letter characterizes the differences between the 1998 Petition and the pending Petition as "substantial." You then cite as your reasons for that statement:

- 1) the inclusion of Myers Chuck; and
- 2) the extensively different boundaries for the proposed Hyder enclave.

1. The inclusion of Myers Chuck

We are confident that the LBC in 1999 would have denied the KGB Petition if it had included Myers Chuck, but not Hyder. There is no other way to logically read that 1999 decision and the LBC's *interpretation of the applicable constitutional provisions.* Similarly, there is no way to read the Preliminary Report in 1998 such that it would have recommended the approval of the Petition if Myers Chuck had been included. What part of the Constitution has changed since 1998 that allows DCCED to now recommend that the LBC approve this petition, using Myers Chuck as the justification, with an area of 3.5 square miles, 14 residents, and essentially no State-provided facilities or services?

2. Extensively different boundaries for the proposed enclave of Hyder.

The technical and minor boundary change in the current KGB petition does not address the **fundamental constitutional basis** for the LBC's 1999 decision. The 1999 decision specifically states that the exclusion of Hyder violated the Alaska Constitution. The technical boundary change in this petition does not "satisfy" the constitution, rather it ensures a permanent and unresolvable Hyder enclave—the precise Constitutional reason the LBC denied the 1999 petition. *The result is the State of Alaska will never be relieved of the responsibility for providing all necessary services to the proposed Hyder enclave.* Such a result means that the Petition can not satisfy the statutory best interest of the State standard.

We provided a lengthy discussion of these two issues in our comments to the LBC in response to the Preliminary Report. The Final Report prepared by LBC staff failed to address any of the comments submitted by the City of Craig. Why did DCRA choose not to address any of our comments? The purpose of the Final Report is to address the public comments generated by the

Preliminary Report. Were our comments not worthy of response? Did DCRA decide not to provide any guidance to the LBC in its Final Report? Why doesn't DCRA and the LBC postpone the hearing and direct LBC staff to provide a complete and independent Final Report that addresses the comments and concern of the City of Craig and the Myers Chuck Community Association? Why is it important to DCRA and the LBC to approve this Petition quickly, without a full and fair opportunity to consider the constitutional interpretation issues and due process issues? In light of Mr. Bockhorst now being the KGB Manager, these are fair questions, and remain unanswered by your letter.

Your letter attempts to construct a "timeline," which we assume was included to convince us that there is no appearance of a conflict of interest. The continued advocacy by DCRA in support of the KGB Petition continues to taint the process. Are you telling us that the LBC staff assigned to the final report conducted an independent analysis of the KGB Petition, and came to the same recommendations as Mr. Bockhorst, for all the same reasons, and that in doing this independent analysis, the comments from the City of Craig and Myers Chuck Association were not even worthy of response? Do you not see the appearance of the conflict with staff who are subordinate to Mr. Bockhorst doing the Final Report while he is actively seeking the Borough Manager job? Isn't it an appearance of a conflict of interest that DCRA and its employees did not have the independence to be able to make a recommendation contrary to Mr. Bockhorst's preliminary report, because to do so could jeopardize his chance of being named the Borough Manager?

We wrote in our comments to the LBC in response to the Preliminary Report:

"The LBC has two choices. It can reject the recommendation of the LBC staff, and deny the Petition because that would be the factually and legally correct decision. The denial of the Petition would be consistent with the Constitutional principles the LBC is obligated to uphold and apply. The denial of the Petition will be consistent with the 1999 Decision.

The second choice is for the LBC to remove the Preliminary Report from the record and to retain an independent consultant to prepare a report not tainted with the appearance of bias and conflict of interest enveloping this Preliminary Report." (Comments on Behalf of the City of Craig and the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council, p. 17)

Why were these two choices not addressed at all in staff's Final Report? Please explain to us who made the decision not to have an independent person do the Final Report? Why are you continuing to refuse to have an independent person, untainted by the appearance of a conflict of interest, do a Final Report for the LBC? Your timeline offers no explanation for the continued involvement of Mr. Bockhorst's subordinates in the preparation of the Final Report.

Going through your timeline, you indicate that Mr. Bockhorst spoke with the "former DCRA Director" about "policy" on March 26, 2007. Please tell us who that was, and provide us a copy of any memorandum, report, or notes related to that "discussion."

Your timeline, then, does not include any reference to relevant events until June 28, 2007. We take this as your acknowledgment that the KGB Manager position was publicly reported to be

open before June 30, 2007, consistent with our letter to the Governor and our comments to the LBC. What is also missing is mention of any communications between Mr. Bockhorst and the KGB, specifically the former manager. Were there any? Did you review those communications? Did you review the e-mails between Mr. Bockhorst and KGB personnel or representatives? If you did not, why not? We request copies of all correspondence and e-mails between Mr. Bockhorst and any KGB employee, Borough Assembly member or other Borough representative for the period between March 26, 2007 and November 7, 2007.

At the beginning of your letter, you note that your letter is a "thoughtful reply." We assume then that you were being "thoughtful" when you carefully chose the words that Mr. Bockhorst "first became aware of the recruitment for the position on July 31." When he became aware the position was open and when the Borough published a recruitment bulletin are different events. Whether there is an appearance of a conflict is unrelated to when Mr. Bockhorst "became aware of the recruitment." What were the communications, including e-mails, between LBC staff and KGB representatives, from June, when the Borough Assembly publicly accepted the borough manager's resignation, until August 1, 2007? Did you review those communications? Mr. Bockhorst told the Ketchikan Daily News that he was aware of the vacant manager position during the weekend of July 28, 2007. Why the discrepancy between your "timeline" and the newspaper account?

Your timeline refers to a memorandum from Mr. Bockhorst to "the Department Ethics Supervisor" on August 1, 2007. In the interest of fairness and "transparent" government, which Governor Palin has repeatedly stressed in her administration, please provide us a copy of that memorandum and any response from the ethics supervisor.

Your timeline fails to note a lengthy conversation Mr. Bockhorst had on July 31, 2007 with a representative of the Myers Chuck Community Association regarding the KGB Petition. Mr. Bockhorst advised the representative that Myers Chuck should make the case that it has at least as good a case as Hyder for being an enclave. By taking this approach, Myers Chuck would not support inclusion in the Wrangell Borough, as originally expressed by Myers Chuck and reflected in the Wrangell Petition. Did he recuse himself before or after this call? Did you review the records of this call? Mr. Bockhorst told the representative that he had a clock on his desk and that he had just given her 34 minutes of technical assistance. Myers Chuck accepted Mr. Bockhorst's "technical assistance" as reflected in its the association's comments to the LBC. Myers Chuck even obtained the agreement of the KGB for that position. As you know, the Final Report prepared by Ms. McPherson dismissed the proposal of Myers Chuck to be an enclave like Hyder as "clearly unsupported by the facts." The absence of any effort at analysis in the Final Report, after this call with Mr. Bockhorst, raises the appearance of a conflict.

In your concluding paragraph you state there are "discrepancies between the assertions in ... [our] letter and the facts on record." We have not seen the "record" of which you speak. In an often used cliché, the 1998 Preliminary Report, the 1999 Decision, the 2007 Preliminary Report, and the 2007 Final Report "speak for themselves." The irrefutable facts are that the 2007 Preliminary Report advocates for the LBC to interpret the Alaska constitution in a manner diametrically opposite what was advocated by DCCED in the 1998 Preliminary Report, and completely contrary to the decision of the LBC in 1999 on the KGB Petition. It is also a fact that

during this process Mr. Bockhorst applied for and eventually became the KGB Borough Manager. We did not make "assertions." We began by asking the LBC to retain an independent consultant to complete the Final Report. When that was not done, and the Final Report ignored the comments of Craig, and ignored the apparent conflict of interest, we appealed to the Governor because she has expressed a commitment to open government.

In addition to your letter, we received a letter from Ms. Bockmon in the Department of Law, stating in essence, that, based on your letter, Mr. Bockhorst did not violate the Ethics Act. We did not "assert" or "insinuate" or "complain" of any Ethical Act violation, so we are not clear why we received this letter from Ms. Bockmon. Why was Ms. Bockmon directed to treat our letter as an Ethics Act complaint?

However, since you or someone in the Administration referred our letter to the Department of Law under the Ethics Act, it may be instructive to review the purpose of the Ethics Act in light of your letter.

A.S. 39.52.010 states as the policy of the Act:

- a) It is declared that
 - (1) high moral and ethical standards among public officers in the executive branch are essential to assure the trust, respect, and confidence of the people of this state;
 - (2) a code of ethics for the guidance of public officers will
 - (A) discourage those officers from acting upon personal or financial interests in the performance of their public responsibilities;
 - (B) improve standards of public service; and
 - (C) promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people of this state in their public officers;
 - (3) holding public office or employment is a public trust and that as one safeguard of that trust, the people require public officers to adhere to a code of ethics;
 - (4) a fair and open government requires that executive branch public officers conduct the public's business in a manner that preserves the integrity of the governmental process and avoids conflicts of interest...

Do you mean to tell us by your letter that the people of this State should have a high degree of "trust, respect, and confidence" in DCCED that it has acted fairly, openly, and in the best interests of the people of this State with regard to the KGB Petition? Do you mean to tell us that LBC staff's actions, and the refusal of DCRA to retain an independent consultant, and your letter refusing to conduct an investigation of the appearance of a conflict of interest "promotes and strengthens the faith and confidence of the people of this state in their public officers?" Do you mean to tell us that LBC staff conduct, and that of DCRA, is evidence of a "fair and open government?" Do you mean to tell us that Mr. Bockhorst and DCRA have approached the KGB Petition in a manner that "preserves the integrity of the governmental process and avoid conflict of interest?" If so, we would agree and urge the Department and the LBC to review the current KGB Annexation Petition process to date in that light

We will continue our pursuit of what is right. In a democracy, an open and fair process is fundamental to the trust and confidence of the people. There is no place for even the appearance of a conflict of interest. When an appearance of a conflict of interest arises, the government has an obligation to restore the trust and confidence of the people by taking steps to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

If the LBC adopts Mr. Bockhorst's recommendation, and no independent report is prepared for the LBC, which addresses the comments of Craig, Myers Chuck, and the many others who submitted comments to the Preliminary Report, the people in the unorganized borough in Southeast Alaska will have been denied due process.

In light of the significance to the affected communities and school districts in the unorganized borough, and given the fact that you provided a copy of your October 31, 2007, letter to the LBC, we specifically request the following information, pursuant to AS 40.25.110:

1. All drafts of your October 31, 2007 letter, identifying all current and former LBC staff, who participated or reviewed any of those drafts.
2. All communications, including all e-mails between yourself and any other state employee, with Mr. Bockhorst between October 19, 2007 and October 31, 2007.
3. All DCCED records you reviewed.
4. All records showing that LBC staff was in favor of the KGB 1998 annexation petition.
5. All records from "DCRA policymakers" directing LBC staff to write the preliminary report in 1998 recommending that the LBC deny the KGB annexation petition.
6. All records from any current "DCRA policymakers" to LBC staff regarding the preparation of the Final Report on the current KGB annexation petition.
7. All communications, including e-mails, from all current or former LBC staff persons with Ms. McPherron or any other staff member assigned to prepare the Final Report.
8. Any memorandum, reports, notes, and e-mails. related to the discussion on March 26, 2007 between Mr. Bockhorst and the "former DCRA director".
9. The memorandum from Mr. Bockhorst to the department Ethics Supervisor of August 1, 2007, and the department supervisor's response; and any other communication with the department's ethics supervisor.
10. Any notes, reports, memoranda, and e-mail by Mr. Bockhorst related to his July 31, 2007 conversation with representatives of the Meyers Chuck Community Association.
11. All communications, including e-mails, between any KGB employee, assembly member, or representative between March 26, 2007 and November 7, 2007.
12. The file, including notes and all e-mails, from LBC staff members, from the 1998 and 2007 KGB annexation petitions.

In addition to providing us copies the above records, we request that all the above documents be made a part of the official record of the pending KGB annexation petition.

Response Letter to Tara Jollie
November 3, 2007

There is still time for DCRA and the LBC to do the right thing and either deny the KGB Petition, or postpone the hearing until an independent report is prepared. If not, we are prepared seek the assistance of the Court.

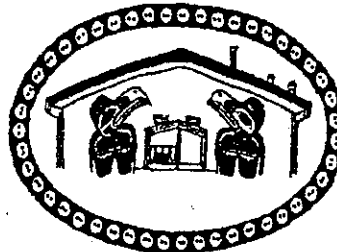
Sincerely,



Jon Bolling
City Administrator

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October 19, 2007

Governor Sarah Palin
PO Box 110001
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Re: Conflict of Interest of Dan Bockhorst Regarding Ketchikan Gateway Borough Annexation Petition

Dear Governor Palin:

We write you with the utmost concern for the appearance of impropriety that pervades the Local Boundary Commission process related to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Annexation Petition. We write you because we sincerely believe that the people of this State, and in particular the small communities and school districts of Southeast Alaska, are being denied due process and fair treatment directly resulting from an apparent conflict of interest involving Mr. Dan Bockhorst.

Mr. Bockhorst is the senior local government specialist in your administration assigned as the staff to the Local Boundary Commission. On June 30, 2007, Mr. Bockhorst completed a 117 page Preliminary Report recommending that the LBC approve the KGB Annexation Petition. Shortly after completing his report, Mr. Bockhorst applied for the vacant KGB Borough Manager position. On October 13, 2007, KGB hired Mr. Bockhorst as its new Borough Manager under a five-year contract, effective November 1, 2007. He will start with a salary of \$110,000, going up to \$121,000 in two years.

We have attached the response of the City of Craig to the Preliminary Report of Mr. Bockhorst. The importance of a conflict of interest is easily demonstrated. On April 16, 1999, the Local Boundary Commission denied the Annexation Proposal of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough because "the proposal fails to serve all the relevant principles established in the Constitution of the State of Alaska." (Statement of Decision, 1999, p. 14) The reason the Petition violated the Alaska Constitution was because the Petition sought to annex a large area of uninhabited land, while not annexing the only community in that area—Hyder. The reason for annexing the uninhabited land in 1999 was to obtain a significant increase in forest receipts from the federal government. By excluding Hyder, KGB would obtain the forest receipts and not have to provide any services to anyone actually living in the area being annexed.

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Mr. Bockhorst prepared the Preliminary Report in 1998 recommending that the LBC reject the KGB petition because it excluded Hyder, and he specifically pointed out the unfairness of KGB obtaining a significant increase in forest receipts without having to provide any services. The unfairness directly impacts the City of Craig, sixteen communities, and twelve school districts in the unorganized borough in Southeast Alaska, who stand to lose a combined \$1.2 million each year if the annexation is approved. To the extent that KGB can annex land currently in the unorganized borough, the current forest receipts of the communities and school districts in the unorganized borough will be reduced dramatically in proportion to the land annexed by KGB. Mr. Bockhorst also stated in his 1998 recommendation to reject the Petition that the annexation without Hyder would violate the Alaska Constitution.

KGB submitted the pending Petition in 2006. As it did in 1998, this Petition excludes Hyder. If the Petition is approved by the LBC, KGB will receive an additional \$1,200,000 in forest receipts per year.

After KGB announced the vacancy of its Borough Manager position, Mr. Bockhorst submitted his report to the LBC completely reversing his recommendation of 1998. Although nothing had changed, he now stated to the LBC that the Constitutional had sufficient "flexibility" to allow KGB to annex the uninhabited land and exclude Hyder. Shortly after submitting that report, he applied for the KGB Borough Manager position.

The LBC scheduled the public hearing on the KGB Annexation Petition for November 6, 2007, and scheduled the decisional meeting on that Petition for November 7, 2007. We respectfully request that you immediately:


1. Direct the LBC to cancel the public hearing until the Attorney General can conduct a full investigation into the apparent conflict of interest;
2. Direct the Attorney General to conduct a full, thorough, and open investigation of the conflict of interest.

You have repeatedly stated that your administration is "transparent" and you have repeatedly stated that your administration will not tolerate any appearances of impropriety or conflicts of interest. We have to trust that you will recognize the seriousness of this situation and honor your commitment to the people of the State. This is especially true when you consider that the final report on the proposed annexation does not address the concerns we raised about the preliminary report.

We truly cannot believe that you will allow the LBC to go forward on this Petition without conducting a full investigation into these circumstances. We request that you consider the

devastating impact on the school children in the unorganized borough of the loss of \$1,200,000 per year in school funding, which cannot be allowed constitutionally or under the unquestionable appearance of a direct and serious conflict of interest.

We look forward to your prompt action and response in light of the pending LBC hearing on November 6, 2007.


Jon Bolling
City Administrator
Millie Stevens
Tribal President, Craig Community Assn.



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October 31, 2007

Mr. Jon Bolling, City Administrator
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Dear Mr. Bolling:

As Director of the Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) which provides staff support for the Local Boundary Commission, I was asked to respond to your letter of October 19, 2007. This letter alleges a conflict of interest on the part of Dan Bockhorst, DCRA lead state staff to the Local Boundary Commission. Your letter claims Mr. Bockhorst's role in the pending Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) annexation proceedings, past and present, and his recent appointment as KGB Manager offered to him October 13, 2007, substantiate your conflict of interest claim against him.

Your letter also asks that the Governor direct the Attorney General to investigate this conflict of interest claim, as well as direct the Local Boundary Commission to cancel its November 6, 2007, public hearing on the Ketchikan annexation proposal until the Attorney General's investigation is complete.

I carefully reviewed DCRA records to compare the actions on record with allegations made in your letter in order to provide you with a thoughtful reply. I also wanted to determine if DCRA had anything in our records that supports the statements in your letter and/or supports your request for an official investigation and cancellation of the Ketchikan annexation proposal public hearings scheduled for November 6, 2007.

Your letter asserts that (1) after KGB announced the vacancy of its Borough Manager position, Mr. Bockhorst submitted his report to the LBC completely reversing his recommendation of 1998. You also claim that (2) although nothing had changed, Mr. Bockhorst now stated to the LBC that the Constitution had sufficient flexibility to allow KGB to annex the uninhabited land and exclude Hyder. You further claim that (3) shortly after submitting that report, he applied for the KGB Borough Manager position. These statements are not based on facts. DCRA records clearly show the following:

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Regarding assertions (1) and (2) which discuss a recommendation in the 1998 proposal that is different in the current proposal, and your assertion that Mr. Bockhorst completely reversed his 1998 recommendation to the LBC. These assertions are not true. It is important to note that the 1998 recommendation reflected the policy direction of a prior administration. Staff, including Mr. Bockhorst, does not set policy. The prior administration's policy is noted clearly in the *DCCED Preliminary Report to the Local Boundary Commission Regarding the Petition for Annexation of Approximately 4,701 Square Miles to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough*, June 30, 2007, p. 96, n. 67.

"DCRA policy makers in the Knowles Administration (i.e., the Office of the Commissioner and the Director, as contrasted to the LBC Staff Component), opposed the prior KGB annexation proposal. Reflecting the views of the DCRA policy maker's, DCRA's preliminary report stated the following with respect to the standard at issue here:

In the view of DCRA policy makers, significant adverse financial impacts on communities in the unorganized borough are a more important consideration than the constitutional principles in this particular instance."

Furthermore, contrary to your insinuation that the pending KGB annexation proposal differences are attributable to the personal motives of Mr. Bockhorst, the pending proposal is significantly different from the 1998 annexation proposal for substantial reasons including the following:

Among the important differences is the inclusion of Meyer's Chuck and extensively different boundaries for the proposed Hyder enclave. Those different boundaries for the Hyder enclave address particular concerns expressed by the Local Boundary Commission in its 1999 decision. Further, Exhibit K of the current Petition provides a thorough discussion by the Petitioner of justification for postponing the annexation of Hyder and the future circumstances which may lead to its inclusion in the Ketchikan Borough.

Regarding assertion (3) that shortly after completing the preliminary 2007 report, Mr. Bockhorst applied for the KGB Borough Manager position, our records clearly shows this timeline of events:

March 28, 2007: Mr. Bockhorst began his analysis of the Ketchikan annexation proposal at which point he discussed policy aspects of the proposal with the former DCRA Director.

June 28, 2007: Mr. Bockhorst's work on the 2007 preliminary report was complete and forwarded to the DCRA publications technician for formatting and publication.

July 29, 2007: Just over one month after Mr. Bockhorst completed his work on the annexation proposal for the Department's 2007 preliminary report, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough first announced that it was recruiting for a Borough Manager.

August 1, 2007: In accordance with the Executive Branch Ethics Act, Mr. Bockhorst wrote a memorandum to the Department's Ethics Supervisor disclosing that he had an interest in applying for the Ketchikan Borough Manager position. Mr. Bockhorst stated in this memorandum that he first became aware of the recruitment for the position on July 31. In that memorandum, he recused himself with respect to any and all future dealings regarding the Ketchikan annexation proposal. Mr. Bockhorst's work regarding the Ketchikan annexation proceeding was immediately reassigned to Ms. Jeanne McPherrin.

October 15, 2007: Ms. McPherrin, not Mr. Bockhorst, independently prepared the 2007 final report regarding the Ketchikan annexation proposal.

To conclude, given the discrepancies between the assertions in your letter and the facts on record, I find no basis to support or recommend that the Local Boundary Commission cancel or postpone its upcoming hearing. Furthermore, I find no reason to support your request for an official investigation into a conflict of interest claim against Mr. Dan Bockhorst.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, I can be reached directly at 907-269-7959.

Sincerely,



Tara Jollie, Director

cc: Governor Sarah Palin
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Alaska, GOP Welfare State

Sen. Ted Stevens built a welfare state for Eskimos that made defense contractors rich.

By Benjamin Wallace-Wells

Many remote places claim to be the end of the earth, but the tiny Eskimo village of Tatitlik, set in near-mythic isolation on a small beach on Alaska's Prince William Sound, has a better case than most. The village has stood for a thousand years on a small strip of sediment that has collected at the point where the Chugach Mountains soar out of the sound. There are three dirt roads in Tatitlik, which loop around the beach and connect back to one another; you can only get in or out by boat or by plane, and all supplies have to be flown or ferried in. Tatitlik has a population of 97, subsistence hunters and fishermen who live in about 30 small, irregular ranches set on wood platforms. The mountains that surround Tatitlik are, even in summer, mostly covered in snow, and as you pull into the village, they look like shards of broken eggshell, the village encased inside.

The people of Tatitlik have had a spectacularly unlucky history. In 1964, much of the population was relocated from the nearby village of Chenaga, which had been destroyed by the Great Alaska Earthquake. (Chenaga sat on what turned out to be the epicenter of the 9.2 Richter quake, the most powerful recorded tremor in North American history.) Then, in 1989, the drunk captain of the Exxon Valdez plowed his tanker into Blythe Reef, just five miles down the coast from Tatitlik. The Valdez spilled 10.8 million gallons of oil onto the seal beaches and herring runs that the villagers relied on for food. Tatitlik tried to get Alaska to use some of the compensation funds to build a small boat harbor for its fragile fishing fleet, but the state instead built massive industrial docks to accommodate clean-up tankers in the event of another spill. Those docks loom over the village's fishing boats, which look in comparison as if they've been imported from Lilliput.

Tatitlik has no stores and no on-village work, save for a handful of government jobs running its health clinic and school. The pride of the village is an old Russian Orthodox church, one legacy of the long history of Russian colonization here. Used oil drums are stacked at the east end of the town, a wrecked car at the western end, and kids, on their way to hunt, sometimes lug shotguns through the streets. Until recently, the town had five cars, but the brakes on one, a black pickup, failed a couple of weeks ago, and the villager driving it had to smash the truck against the crane at the end of the tanker dock in order to keep it from rolling into the sound.

So now, Tatitlik's automotive fleet is down to four.

These same villagers are the unlikely owners of a giant multinational company: the Chugach Alaska Corporation. Chugach Corp.'s annual revenues now top \$700 million, nearly all of which comes from federal contracting. The company does more business with the U.S. government than do IBM, AT&T, or Motorola. Chugach and its partners run military bases from Nevada to Iraq. They monitor seismic activity from a base in Korea in support of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. And on another end of the earth, Chugach operates the Reagan Test Site, a coral reef leased from the Marshall Islands, where engineers give ballistic missiles a workout and may some day run the planned Star Wars program. The contract for that one is worth \$2.5 billion.

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How do the villagers, most of whom would much rather hunt seals and stalk caribou herds than go anywhere near a corporate boardroom, manage these projects? The truth is, they don't. Village chief Gary Kompkoff is vice chairman of the corporation, but no other villagers and only a handful of Eskimos are even employed on these projects. The projects are managed instead by Chugach's subsidiary companies--run by white contracting executives from offices in downtown Anchorage or in the Lower 48 states--or by Chugach's corporate partners--huge firms such as Lockheed Martin and Bechtel.

These natives are being used essentially as fronts, what the Heritage Foundation's Ronald Utt calls "corporate shells," because of certain privileges that only Alaskan tribal corporations enjoy. Chief among them is the unlimited right, given to Alaskan native-owned corporations by Congress at the behest of Alaska's senior senator, Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), to bid for "sole-source" federal contracts (those not put up for competitive bid). As a result, these companies and their giant corporate partners can win federal contracts without necessarily having to offer the government the lowest possible price.

These contracting advantages provide the natives with some modest benefits, mostly in the form of annual dividend checks. The villagers of Tatitlik who were born before 1971 get about \$1,500 a year--enough to buy new outboard motors for their boats so they can chase the migrating seal herds. Chugach is one of the most successful native corporations; most villagers in Alaska, while connected to a native corporation, receive even smaller annual checks.

Many of the system's benefits, though, flow to non-native people and corporations inside the Beltway. Lobbyists get hefty fees for putting together the deals. Federal contracting officers get to pad their minority and small business requirements and sidestep the headaches of competitive bidding. Bush administration officials get a tool to circumvent civil service unions. And, most of all, the Bechtels and Lockheed Martins get business they might not otherwise have obtained, with larger profit margins than they normally enjoy.

The amount of business flowing through Eskimo contracting schemes has exploded in the post- 9/11 contracting boom. An industry that was still tiny five years ago now generates billions of dollars each year. And it's beginning to attract scrutiny. Keith Ashdown of the nonpartisan watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense calls the Eskimo loophole a "magnet for mischief." The Government Accountability Office has launched a probe into whether federal agencies are paying far more for contracts than they should. The Senate Energy and House Armed Services Committees have also held hearings on whether some sole-source contracts run through the Eskimo loophole ought to have been competitively bid. Stevens, the author of the loophole, has been accused of making hundreds of thousands of dollars from a real estate deal involving one of the Alaskan corporations he helped to create.

If these investigations develop into a full-fledged scandal, it will be the third in just a few months involving senior Republicans in Washington and aboriginal populations—and there's a pattern. A Senate committee is looking into the case of Jack Abramoff, the conservative lobbyist and former aide to House Majority Leader Tom DeLay who is accused of bilking millions of dollars from native Americans to help them fend off non-existent threats to their special rights to operate casinos. Meanwhile, DeLay himself is the subject of inquiries as a result of donor-funded trips to the Marianas Islands, an American protectorate where textile manufacturers operate sweatshops with imported Chinese labor outside the reach of federal wage and workplace rules, yet have the right—thanks to DeLay's influence—to stamp "Made in America" on their products.

That all three scandals involve the exploitation of federal regulatory loopholes constructed to benefit native Americans is no coincidence. It is instead an illustration of how government now works under GOP control. Once upon a time, when Democrats ran Washington, federal tax dollars for the poor and other constituencies flowed largely through federal agencies and projects. The system was often inefficient, didn't always do much for its intended beneficiaries, and over the years became unpopular with voters. Now, a new system is arising, one more in tune with the zeitgeist. The new system funnels tax dollars not through wasteful federal bureaucracies but through crony capitalist enterprises. It is as inefficient and ineffective as the old system, maybe more so. But while the old system bolstered Democratic control of Washington, this one supports Republican rule. Welcome, then, to the new conservative welfare state.

Reservation Inc.

This convoluted, controversial system is the product of one of the most bizarre and ambitious social engineering projects in recent American history, a plan designed to lift Alaskan natives out of poverty through the private sector. It's hard to imagine a group more deserving of government help; since they first began to have significant dealings with white Americans at the turn of the 20th century, Alaskan natives have had a brutal time of it. In the 1905 Yukon gold rush, they were chased off their lands by prospecting Russians and Californians. During the 1940s, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) began forcing tribes to abandon their itinerant hunting and settle in permanent locations; alcoholism became rampant, and children were sent off to BIA-run boarding schools, horrid dens of physical and sexual abuse. In 1957, the government physicist Edward Teller, one inspiration for Dr. Strangelove, and the U.S. Bureau of Atomic Research even developed a strange plan to detonate a hydrogen bomb under the native village of Point Hope.

By the time modern Alaska emerged in the mid-1960s, native Alaskans seemed

natural recipients for sympathy and affirmative federal action. When oil was discovered in Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's mostly frozen and uninhabited north coast, oil companies needed to figure out how to acquire native lands to build a pipeline through the interior of the state to the ice-free port of Valdez. A small group of government and community leaders stepped in to oversee the task. These men--including Johnson administration officials, a handful of Senate aides, and some native leaders--wanted to avoid the standard reservation solution, which they believed create only dependency and stasis. The result was a break from history: They privatized the reservation. "We believed then, and I still believe now," says Bill Van Ness, one of the Senate aides involved in the effort, "that we were creating a revolution."

They cut a simple deal. The natives would give up most of the land they had hoped to win, reducing their claims from more than 300 million acres to 44 million. In return, the government would create special "native corporations" (more than 200 in all), owned fully by natives--a \$1.5 billion cash settlement from the federal government was divided between them as seed money.

One of those pushing hardest for the bill was Ted Stevens, then a young, conservative junior senator from Alaska. The deal, ideologically appealing for him, would ultimately prove politically useful as well. While in the lower 48 states, native reservations almost invariably voted for Democrats, the involvement of Stevens's staff in creating these corporations helped to secure the loyalty of Alaska natives. Locally, Eskimos often vote Democratic, but for 30 years, they have steadfastly supported Stevens and the state's Republican delegation in Congress--largely, says Sarah Lukin of the Native American Contracting Association, "because they've been such a great help to the natives and the ANCs [Alaskan native Corporations]."

From the beginning, Stevens demonstrated not just a political but also a personal stake in native advancement. Native leaders around the state still remember fondly the senator's first wife, Ann, who during Stevens's early campaigns spent many weeks in tiny villages and developed a real rapport with the natives there. "We'd tell him, if you want our votes, don't come, just send Annie," a longtime Native leader told me. (Ann Stevens died in a plane crash in 1978.) Stevens eventually inserted an exemption in the land claims settlement act that allowed native corporations to ignore sole source contracting limits. At the time, few noticed the provision largely because natives weren't exactly in a position to run government contracts. "We spent our first years learning to spell 'corporation,'" remembers Willie Hensley, an influential early native political leader who now works in Washington as a lobbyist for the Alyeska Pipeline Corp. Life for the natives at the time was so rudimentary that Hensley has called it the "twilight of the stone age."

Although well-intentioned, the plan to turn nomadic caribou hunters and fishermen with no formal education into effective corporate managers was inherently problematic. The natives mostly created enterprises that were inefficient and returned little in the way of profits--zinc mines, timber logging, fish processing, etc. "Basically," says Hensley, "they were jobs programs." By the mid-1980s, most of the corporations were floundering, and they returned to Stevens for help. The senator worked to obtain additional benefits for them--most notably, loopholes in tax law--but by 1992, the corporations were still having a hard time getting their feet on the ground.

That's when Chugach, down to 12 employees and in bankruptcy, hired Mike Brown. Brown was a native of Seward and had been a career Air Force officer,

retiring as commander of an Alaskan base. He had dealt with contracts in the service, and knew both that minority firms had some advantages in dealing with the federal government and that Alaskan natives didn't seem to be earning much benefit from them. Some months earlier, he had sent a lawyer to Anchorage to investigate, and the attorney discovered that although the BIA listed Alaskan natives as an "economically and socially disadvantaged group," the Small Business Administration (SBA) did not. Brown convinced the SBA to list Alaskan natives as eligible for minority small business loans, and realized, with gathering excitement, that they had unique access to sole-source contracts. When he interviewed for the job of running Chugach, Brown told the board, "If you hire me, it'll be to commit completely to government contracting." They agreed.

Going native

Brown told me this story in mid-June in the Anchorage Sheraton's lobby restaurant as tour organizers herded senior citizens into teams for cruises around Prince William Sound. Brown is a little over 60 now, tall with a white mustache and still prone to military expressions like "hit the head." The state's prosperity traces the arc of his lifetime. When he was born in 1940, Anchorage had a population of 3,500; today, it is home to 300,000. Brown is sometimes referred to in the press as the "godfather" of native contracting, and his face breaks into a wide and sudden grin when I mention it. He has visible reasons to be proud: There are only a handful of affluent-looking buildings in Anchorage, the kind of modern glass office structures that signal wealth, but all of them seem to house either oil companies or native corporations. "The ANCs," says University of Alaska economist Steven Colt, "have become the state's establishment."

There's no natural reason why an out-of-the way place like Anchorage--a place so far from the American mainland that Russia appears on the local TV station's weather maps, but not Seattle--should have become a center of the government contracting industry. Native corporations, however, were holding some valuable cards. The combination of their sole-source contracting exemption and status as minority-owned firms gave them an advantage over competitors, a benefit that Brown leveraged. He began modestly with base management subcontracts, hiring smart project managers he knew from the contracting world to run them. "Running base services isn't rocket science," Brown told me.

But there were problems. Brown found that he couldn't find enough Eskimos with management experience to run even these simple projects. By law, minority-owned corporations and their subsidiaries are required to actually have a minority as CEO. Brown had an ace up his sleeve: Like CEOs of many of the native organizations, he had a tight relationship with Stevens and was able to get the senator on the phone. Stevens soon got his colleagues to pass legislation exempting native companies from the minority CEO rule. Then Chugach grew too big to qualify for programs favoring small businesses; Stevens lobbied for and passed an amendment letting native corporations retain their small business status regardless of how large they become. And when Chugach began to approach the nine-year limit for a single company's participation in the small business program, Stevens won yet another statutory break allowing Alaskan native firms to create endless new subsidiaries so that the parent firm could have indefinite access to contracts.

Chugach and other Alaska native programs that followed its lead were growing fast. But as they set their aim for bigger contracts in the late 1990s, they realized that they needed help navigating the complex world of Washington contracting. Again Stevens came through. As chairman and longtime member of the Senate Defense

Appropriations Subcommittee, he had dozens of former staffers and associates working on K Street lobbying on behalf of defense contractors. They knew which firms might be interested in partnering with the native corporations, and what doors at which agencies to knock on. Pretty soon, most of the Eskimo corporations had *these former staffers on retainer. If the lobbyists hit an obstacle, they could get Stevens himself to call government officials to push them to send contracts to the native corporations.* "Lobbying," says current Chugach Chair Sheri Buretta, became "the backbone of the system."

In the end, though, it wasn't a very hard sell. The big contractors didn't need much convincing that sole-source deals offered significant upsides. Contracting agents within the federal bureaucracy also saw advantages--mostly, efficiency. Competitive bidding is a complex and time-consuming process. Even though it often leads to lower prices, it's not something contracting agents enjoy, especially when facing tough deadlines.

The bureaucrats had another incentive as well: the constant pressure they face to meet quotas for contracts to minority-owned and small businesses. Finding enough such companies with the capacity to do the work, especially on big projects, can be a nightmare. Eskimo-owned firms--which by then were not that small--provided an ideal solution. "We needed to get our small business numbers up, but we can't send a small business to run Los Alamos," Brad Bugger, a spokesman for the Department of Energy, told me. "But because the Alaskan native firms are exempted from the size limitations, we could send them a project that would make a significant difference in our small business numbers." So when the department needed a new contractor to run the Idaho National Laboratory, that state's biggest employer, it gave the job, on a sole-source basis, to an Alaskan native firm, Alutiiq.

Yet another party stood to benefit from native contracting. By 2001, Bush administration officials saw in the sole-source exemption a way to privatize government quickly. That year, a joint venture of two native corporations--Chenega and Arctic Slope--won a no-bid, \$2.2 billion deal to operate the Defense Mapping Agency, which uses sophisticated computer modeling to map potential battlefields. The companies didn't have any of the technical experience these contracts demanded, but they did have something else. Unfettered by the need to provide civil service protections to their employees, they cut staff and streamlined operations more aggressively than the federal government itself could have.

And then came the attacks of September 11, 2001. Instantly, officials all over Washington were looking to spend lots of money on defense and homeland security contracts, the sooner the better. The native corporations looked like perfect vehicles. In 2003, Nana Pacific, another subsidiary of a native corporation, won a \$70 million award from the Defense Department to rebuild the Iraqi port of umm-Qasr; it subcontracted with one of the world's leading port construction firms, SSA-Marine, and handed off the operation of the contract. In another instance, currently under investigation by the House Armed Services Committee, two large security companies--Wackenhut and Vance International--won a series of sole-source contracts collectively worth \$180 million by partnering with Alaskan native firms. Both companies had previously bid on similar contracts on their own and lost.

More West Virginia than Wild West

Alaska has a well-earned reputation as a rough, bootstrapping state, with a boisterous, counter-establishment character. It is a place beyond the American boundary, populated by gangly moose and whales, by hippies who head for the

curving black mountain slopes, by those on a libertarian quest to get away from places with rules. In downtown Anchorage, wobbly old 12-seat planes fly overhead, bound for villages that can't be reached any other way, ferrying passengers in search of ever more remote locales.

But while the state thrives on its identity as the last frontier, it is in many ways less like the Wild West than West Virginia. Like its poor, rugged Appalachian cousin, Alaska's economy is overwhelmingly dependent on other people's tax money; it is by far the nation's largest per capita recipient of federal cash. And, as with West Virginia, it is represented in Washington by an aging senator who uses his appropriations power to keep the state's economy afloat almost single-handedly.

Stevens rivals his West Virginia counterpart, Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd, in his ability to attract federal dollars. (Through his staff, Stevens declined interview requests for this article.) Some Alaskan economists estimate that Stevens is responsible for 10 percent of the state's economy. Stevens and Byrd are good friends, but in personal style, the two senators are near opposites: Byrd cultivates the public persona of a florid Southern gentleman, using Senate speeches to deliver elaborate appreciations of, say, the women of Congress, or the coming of Spring. Stevens's public image is of a force-of-nature senator from a force-of-nature state; when he brings appropriations bills to the Senate floor, the Alaskan wears a tie featuring the Incredible Hulk ('cause he's so strong), and when he's angry, he wears one depicting the Tasmanian Devil ('cause he might go crazy). But the more telling difference between Stevens and Byrd is in the ways in which they use federal power to do favors for their home states. But while Byrd has become a master of harnessing federal largesse primarily by physically transferring as much of the federal government as possible to his state—there is a reason, for instance, that the FBI's crime lab is in West Virginia—Stevens has branched in a different direction. Instead of funneling tax dollars through federal agencies, he channels them through federally dependent corporations.

This method is unquestionably more palatable to those who oppose the idea of government handouts to the poor. But the laissez-faire Stevens system has some significant downsides. For one, it distributes benefits unevenly. Those natives with the political savvy and organization to take advantage of the system have sometimes done very well. Those without it have floundered and the average native income in Alaska is still \$11,000, while the portion of natives living in poverty continues to increase. The villagers in Tatitlik, shareholders in Chugach, love the system: It has provided them not only with dividend checks, but a range of other services, the kinds of things you might normally expect to come from government. Chugach Alaska sponsors scholarships for the college-bound children of its shareholders, and corporate internship programs after they graduate. The company sends quarterly checks to the tribal elders to supplement social security and pays for programs to preserve traditional languages and culture, which had been dramatically fading. Perhaps most important to the villagers, says Tatitlik's chief, Kompkoff, "it makes you proud to be Chugach again." Most Alaskan natives, however, have gotten far fewer benefits, and some have received almost nothing at all.

A more troubling downside is that some of the biggest dividends from the system don't flow to natives at all, but to other players in the game: the lobbyists who put the deals together, the principals who own the contracting firms, and even the politicians. Stevens has built a mini-political machine using the loophole. His loyalists run the Alaskan native corporations, delivering both votes and campaign contributions and sending substantial fees for lobbying services to a handful of the

senator's ex-staffers and close associates, including Stevens's brother-in-law and his son. He returns favors to leading native corporation officials: In the 2005 Defense appropriation, Stevens inserted a line ordering the Air Force to spend \$2.5 million to buy a parcel of land from Jake Adams, president of Arctic Slope and a longtime Stevens supporter. "I'm trying to help one family," the senator told the *Anchorage Daily News*. The system has even benefited Stevens personally: A recent Los Angeles Times investigation found that Stevens had bought into an Anchorage office tower which was then leased to Arctic Slope for \$6 million per year. Stevens's stake, which he originally bought for \$50,000, is now worth more than \$1 million. Congress, whose ethics system has recently been watered down by the Republican leadership, has not launched any investigations.

All of which raises an obvious question: Who are these loopholes for?

What really drives the issue of native contracting is not political organizing or lobbying pressure or constituent demands but a blunt moral calculation: How do you repay historical debts and assuage a nation's guilt? "We have given up an awful lot to be part of this country," says Buretta, the Chugach Corp. chair. "It doesn't seem unfair that we're now getting a little bit back." Buretta and others argue that the program has helped the native corporations grow and that Chugach and others are beginning to win competitive contracts. But these competitive deals still account for only a slim minority of Chugach's government business. And if the overarching goal is to provide a better life for the Eskimos, it would be far simpler and many times cheaper for the government to simply send along a check. It is hard to argue that sluicing the tax dollars through no-bid contracting deals somehow makes Alaska natives any less dependent upon political aid. Instead, it simply changes the nature of what the natives are dependent on, from government welfare spending to government loophole spending.

The question of whether these contracting schemes are really the best way to help Alaskan natives deserves a serious debate. Instead, Washington seems to be shoring up and expanding their special privileges. On the Democratic side, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) has already won certain contracting advantages for his islands' natives that are modeled on, though not as substantial as, the Alaskan program. Earlier this year, the Alaskan Natives joined with other contracting companies to found the Native American Contracting Association, a new group whose goal is to expand contracting opportunities and privileges to all American natives. In the lower 48, several native contracting firms have entered the arena—a firm called S&K Technologies, jointly owned by the Salish and Kootenai tribes is partnering with Chugach on a base management contract for Iraq.

When the plugged-in Chickasaw tribe of Oklahoma lost out on a Defense Department contract last year, they used their influence with Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) and the Bush administration to reign down holy terror on the DOD's contracting officers. "If you'll excuse my language," one peeved DOD bureaucrat told *Indian Country Today*, "the Chickasaws went ape shit." And at last month's national Native American conference in Green Bay, the nation's tribes—many of which have been skeptical of, or outright opposed to, special exemptions for Alaskan native corporations—voted to support the retention of the Alaskan privileges.

Indian tribes aren't the only ones eager to see the exemption expanded. While some in Washington are uneasy about its costs and corrupting effects, many in the GOP leadership view it as a model for the kind of federal government they would like to see more of. It is a privatized system that circumvents the civil service, enriches

politically-connected corporations, provides a trickle of money to the poor, and secures Republican power. For some conservatives, in other words, the Eskimo loophole is not a failed experiment in social engineering. It is the future.

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A Legal System Run Amok

By Tom Donohue

How did we get to this point? We have allowed a deeply flawed legal system to infect and alter our democratic form of government, our civic life, and our character as a people.

We see some courts, juries, prosecutors, attorneys general, and regulators using the legal system not to enforce the law but to make the law. We see troubling attacks on the due process rights guaranteed to every American by ambitious prosecutors—including a frontal assault on the time-honored tradition of attorney-client privilege. And we have seen America move towards a culture where everyone is a victim, where suing is the first and not the last resort, and where any misfortune in life must always be someone else's fault.

Join the conversation.

Capital Roundup**Small Business Member Warns Against Onerous Retirement Fee Disclosure Rules**

U.S. Chamber member Harold Jackson of Buffalo Supply Inc. provided a small business perspective on retirement benefits during a House Ways and Means Committee hearing last week.

Jackson, president and CEO of the Colorado-based medical equipment and supply company, *warned committee members of the unintended effects of a proposed change to the fee disclosure requirements for companies sponsoring small business retirement benefits.* A proposal by the Department of Labor (DOL) and recently introduced legislation would require enhanced disclosure for these types of providers, which would lead to "unreasonable administrative requirements, additional liabilities, and potential cost increases," Jackson said.

View Jackson's testimony.

Committees Pass Climate Change, Tax Bills

In a tight 4-3 vote, a Senate Environment and Public Works subcommittee approved legislation that would, among other things, create a cap-and-trade system in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Under the bill, the

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administration would place caps on carbon dioxide emissions from businesses. Beginning in 2012, companies would get allowances to release a certain amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, and could buy or sell the permits on a market.

Separately, the House Ways and Means Committee voted out an \$80 billion bill that would delay the expansion of the alternative minimum tax for one year and extend dozens of tax breaks scheduled to expire at year's end. However, to pay for these measures, the bill would tax carried interest of private equity managers at a higher rate, and end deferred compensation plans for hedge fund managers who use offshore tax arrangements.

The Chamber opposes provisions in both of these short-sighted bills and is working with Congress to come up with alternatives that preserve U.S. jobs and competitiveness.

Learn more about the Chamber's competitiveness agenda.

Chamber Receives Grant to Study Corporate Giving

The U.S. Chamber's Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC) has received a grant from the Department of Commerce to conduct a first-of-its-kind study on the effects of corporate citizenship on community and economic development.

In partnership with Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy, BCLC's Corporate Community Investment program will conduct a nationwide survey and hold eight forums throughout the country. Several companies, including Accenture, Allstate Insurance Company, Capital One, CVS Caremark, Fannie Mae, JPMorgan Chase, PNC Financial Services Group, and Verizon Communications, have joined BCLC's Corporate Community Investment program and will be involved in the forums.

The first four forums will take place in Houston; Newark, N.J.; San Jose, Calif.; and St. Louis. The remainder of the forum locations will be announced in January.

Learn more.

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InFocus: Workforce

The [April](#) issue presented an overview of the three major barriers to effective mental health care in rural America, Availability, Accessibility, and Acceptability. These three barriers were described in detail in our [June](#), [August](#), and [September](#) issues. Here we revisit the four major components of workforce and will describe each of them in detail in the next few issues. While the information is initially redundant from the Availability issue, we re-present it here to orient the reader on workforce components in order to examine them in depth.

Ideally, an adequate workforce has the right number of experienced and skilled people in the right jobs at the right time to meet the present needs of the population. Establishing and sustaining an effective mental health workforce involves several components: A profile of present population and demographics; An estimation of the prevalence of mental illness; An

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analysis of the professional occupations available to serve the community; A picture of the higher education programs designed to supply well-trained professionals.

☒ Workforce Components: Population, MH Prevalence, Occupations, and Higher Education



Prevalence rates are based on epidemiological studies of populations, while the number and location of professionals is based on the interplay of education and occupation trends. Both are estimates and are constantly shifting in response to a large number of variables. Each of these four components interrelates, and changes to one component affect the others. For instance, large and rapid increases in population can translate into greater numbers of people with behavioral health problems. However, it can also mean increased numbers of people available to enter the behavioral health field as clinicians. Thus, it is important to study previous trends to project future courses. More importantly, these projections allow decision-makers to identify potential avenues of growth, as well as barriers and means of overcoming them.

Population

The first aspect of workforce, population, can be analyzed from a number of different perspectives. For example, Hawai'i has an estimated 2006 population of 1,285,498. With a land area of 6,422.62 square miles, Hawai'i has an overall average of 188.6 persons per square mile. This average suggests that Hawai'i is an urban state. However, due to the unique geographical structure of the state, one island is urban, while the remainder are classified as rural. The Hawai'i Office of Rural Health uses the Research Service Rural-Urban Commuting Areas (RUCA) to determine the urban areas of the state, shown in purple in the picture below. Given the geographic spread of the population, most of Hawai'i is rural.

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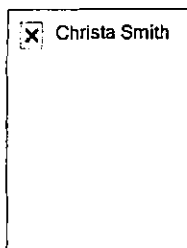
Geographic barriers can isolate communities in almost any state. In order to access treatment in Hawai'i, it must be available on the island of residence or else a consumer will need to fly to another island to receive face to face services. This is an area where telehealth can prove invaluable to reduce transportation costs and time-consuming travel. In Alaska, many villages are isolated from larger urban areas due to lack of roads. In other states, mountains, large bodies of water, poor roads, and severe weather can isolate communities that would otherwise be considered adjacent to urban centers. Consequently, when examining the population density of a state, it is important to examine the functional distance between communities to determine the accessibility of the mental health workforce.

Thus far, we have examined population as if it were a static phenomenon. It is important to examine population trends to gauge the future of both the prevalence of behavioral health disorders and to determine the weak areas of the occupational future. The US Census publishes population projections for the nation out to the year 2050 and for individual states out to 2030. This allows future determination of potential gaps between the unmet needs of the population and the available workforce. In the next issue we will look at the calculation of the prevalence of behavioral health disorders based on the present and projected population numbers.

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Selected Highlights of Recent Staff Activities



Christa Smith, Ph.D.

The WICHE Mental Health Program is pleased to welcome Christa Smith, Ph.D. as our new postdoctoral fellow through the University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center. Christa started our program in October and will be with us as a fellow for a full year. Christa's current projects with WICHE focus primarily on integrated mental health care, mental health system improvements, and healthcare workforce development.

Christa attended the University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional Psychology where she studied health psychology. She has worked for the past five years in numerous medical settings educating and collaborating with physicians and other medical staff and providing psychotherapy for people with a wide range of medical issues. Her focus was the integration of mental health into medical health care settings with the understanding that there is no such thing as health without mental health, nor health without well-being. Her special interests include the study of well-being and happiness, mindfulness meditation, and stress management. She received her doctorate in August of 2007.

Christa grew up in Minnesota and moved to Colorado with her husband for their graduate educations. She plans to stay in Colorado for its superior weather and access to hiking. She has been an athlete all of her life, starting with gymnastics when she was six and moving on to diving in high school and college. She has always loved to be in the woods and loves to hike and backpack, especially in the Utah desert. Her other love is food, cooking, eating, reading about food, talking about food, etc., which happens to go well with her love of exercise! Christa can be reached via email at csmith@wiche.edu.

FYI...

Colorado - House Joint Resolution 1050:

In 2007, the Colorado Legislature passed House Resolution 07-1050 to create a Task Force for the study of behavioral health funding and treatment. The Task Force is charged with studying mental health and substance abuse services in order to coordinate the efforts of state agencies and streamline the services provided and to maximize federal and other funding sources.

Representative Anne McGihon is the Chairperson and Senator Betty Boyd and Senator Bob Hagedorn are the Vice-Chairpersons of the Task Force. Task Force members include a representative of the Governor's Office, three members of the Colorado House of Representatives and three members of the

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Senate members, and representatives from key departments of state government. These departments are: Human Services; Health Care Policy and Financing; Public Health and Environment; Corrections; Public Safety; Education; and Law. In addition, the Task Force has created three subcommittees to assist it in meeting its charge. They are: Program; Budget and Funding; and Streamline and Coordinate Services.

A final report will be presented to the Health and Human Services Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives by January 31, 2008, regarding any findings and legislative recommendations. CSI (Center for Systems Integration) in partnership with NPM Consulting has been selected as the consultant team to assist the task force in conducting its duties including research and report preparation. CSI is also partnering with Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) on the national research component of the project. Speakers from across the country including several WICHE states have agreed to present to the Task Force to share their experiences and lessons learned.

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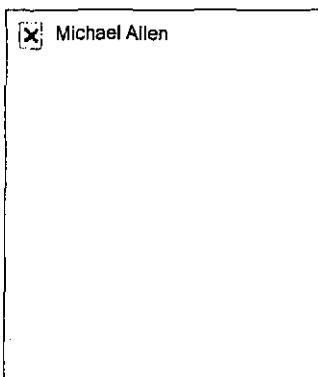
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Dr. Michael H. Allen, MD
Associate Professor of Psychiatry
Director Emergency and Consultation Psychiatry
Co-Director, Mood Disorders Program
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
Denver, Colorado

This presentation featuring a national expert on bipolar disorder will cover the identification, treatment,

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and associated pharmacological implications related to this diagnosis in the primary care setting. While this presentation will not focus exclusively on providers in rural settings, the information will be useful to those practicing in more isolated settings and those communities with limited access to behavioral health resources.

Registration: No need to pre-register. Details will be provided in the December Newsletter.

Questions: Contact Mimi McFaul, Psy.D. via email (mmcfaul@wiche.edu) or by telephone at 303-541-0288.

You will be asked to complete a brief post-training survey in order to be eligible for free CME credits.

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Dr. Allen attended Florida State University, received his medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and trained in psychiatry at the Institute of Living where he served as Chief Resident. He went on to serve on the faculty of Cornell and later NYU. While at NYU, he developed the model Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program at Bellevue Hospital, mentioned in New York Magazine's "Best Hospitals in New York." Currently he is director of the psychiatric emergency and consultation services and is co-director of the Mood Disorders Program at the University of Colorado. He is a principal investigator in the NIMH Systematic Treatment Enhancement Program for Bipolar Disorder and other studies in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder; he has served as a research trainer internationally and recently received a NARSAD Independent Investigator award. He has served as president of the American Association for Emergency Psychiatry, chair of the APA Task Force on Psychiatric Emergency Services, panelist for the Expert Consensus Guideline for Bipolar Disorder and the Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative Depression Program, lead expert for the Expert Consensus Guideline for the Management of Behavioral Emergencies, member of the American College of Emergency Physicians clinical policy committee and reviewer for the Cochrane Collaborative. He is the author or editor of three books and associate editor of General Hospital Psychiatry. He is board certified in psychiatry with added qualifications in addictions.

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Recent Job Announcements Webpage

On this page you will find recent job announcements pertaining to either the WICHE West or to rural mental health areas.

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Scott Adams, Psy.D., *Senior Research Associate*

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Candice Tate, Ph.D., *Research Associate*
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The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education is seeking your comments on how our services have affected mental health services in rural communities. Please send an e-mail telling how WICHE has influenced you to Candice Tate. We would also love to hear your nominations for promising rural practices. Feel free to also contact us with requests for state-specific rural assistance or to just ask us a question about our experience with rural mental issues and public policy.

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Commissioner Lloyd,

Thank you for pointing out report timeline discrepancies, as you saw them, in our letter to the BOF. Since we met separately in meetings with yourself and Director Hilsinger and then later with Directors Hilsinger and Swanton there seems to be some variance in clarification of the dates mentioned. After polling various members of our BOD that were present at those meetings our general consensus is that we heard several of the reports would be out by Dec. 1 with the Susitna Mark Re-Capture Study possibly available sooner, and that you would encourage your staff to have all other reports out at least a month before the BOF meeting. We would not have been satisfied with a protocol that called for all other reports being available 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

We became alarmed when we received an e-mail from Department staff stating that many of the reports would be made available to the BOF 2 weeks prior to the meeting with no mention of dates for public distribution. (see e-mail message below) This brought back memories of the 05 UCI BOF meeting when we didn't see some of the reports until the first day of the meeting on the information table. There was also no mention of any Coho reports on his list.

We have been expressing these concerns since this Spring in hopes of improving the availability of the most recent data so that all groups, AC's and individuals can assess proposals accordingly. Without timely information assumptions in comments to the Board may be incorrect and of little help to the process. I know we aren't the only ones that share these concerns.

I believe we share the same desire to make the process better and look forward to working with you and your staff on identifying areas of improvement as we transition through this board cycle. We support you as Commissioner and fully understand some of the difficulties your staff faces in regards to these issues. As I mentioned to you this summer, we appreciate your proactive style and the manner in which you directed the fisheries management in Cook Inlet this past season.

Our desire is to help the Department and the Board, in any way we can, to provide a fair and ethical arena for development of the regulation process. If we can be of further assistance please don't hesitate to call.

Thanks Again,

Dwight Kramer - KAFC

Ken,

Attached is the current list of written reports expected at the BOF meeting. I don't think this will change. The dates are still up in the air except they are to be available to the BOF roughly two weeks prior to the BOF meeting. I do know the genetics and the effects of overescapement are to be available to the public sooner than that. Hope this helps.

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Tracy Lingnau

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Current list of BOF reports:

1. Review of Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Salmon Fishery, 2007 (AMR): Fox, Shields
2. 2007 Recreational Fisheries Overview for Northern Kenai Peninsula: Begich
3. 2007 Recreational Fisheries Overview for Northern Cook Inlet: Rutz
4. Escapement Goals for Salmon Stocks in Upper Cook Inlet, Alaska: Fair, Hasbrouck
5. Inriver Abundance and Spawner Distribution of Susitna River Sockeye Salmon *Oncorhynchus nerka*, 2006: Yanusz, et al
6. Biological and Fishery Related Aspects of Overescapement in Alaskan Sockeye Salmon *Oncorhynchus nerka*: Clark, et al
7. Post season stock composition analysis of Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon harvest: Templin

----- Original Message -----

From: Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)

To: Dwight Kramer

Cc: Wagoner, Tom (LAA) ; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) ; John Hilsinger ; Swanton, Charles O (DFG) ; Marcotte, Jim R (DFG)

Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 6:23 PM

Subject: RE: KAFC 08 UCI BOF Process Letter

Dwight:

I appreciate your comments regarding BOF process; many of your suggestions warrant consideration.

I do need to correct a misapprehension of yours however. Your letter indicates that I, and a couple division directors, promised that "the reports [from the department to the Board of Fisheries] would be completed by Dec. 1, 2007 and at the latest 30 days prior to the BOF meeting" and that you've now been informed that they will not be available prior to mid-January.

Actually, my commitment to you and other interest groups in Cook Inlet was that two specific reports (on sockeye overescapement and on sockeye genetic stock identification) and likely the Cook Inlet salmon escapement goal review, would be available by December 1. Our intention still is to have those reports completed and available to the public by December 1. As for more standard reports to the BOF, those are being prepared and distributed according to general BOF protocols, with which I understand you have concern but which were not part of our commitments regarding the special reports identified above. If you would have checked with staff or me prior to sending out your letter, you would have been assured as much.

If you have any other questions, please let us know.

Take care, DL.

Denby S. Lloyd

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Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 115526
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From: Dwight Kramer [mailto:dwimar@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 5:05 PM
To: Marcotte, Jim R (DFG)
Cc: Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); John Hilsinger; Swanton, Charles O (DFG); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)
Subject: KAFC 08 UCI BOF Process Letter

Dear Mr. Marcotte,

I have attached an advanced copy of a letter to BOF Chairman Morris and the Board. This letter outlines concerns that our organization, Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition, has regarding process matters relating to the upcoming 08 UCI meeting. We are planning on attending the LCI meeting this month and would like to discuss and clarify these issues with Chairman Morris, Board members, yourself and department staff at their's and your convenience.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these concerns to the Board.

Dwight Kramer
KAFC Chairman 283-1054

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 10:45 AM
To: crickett@uaa.alaska.edu
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 2:36 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Crickett Watt
address: 3211 Providence Drive Anchorage AK 99508
907-786-1896

MESSAGE:

Greetings from the University of Alaska Anchorage Student Union.

We had a dress up day for some students and staff. One of our students dressed up as Governor Palin. We thought this was a fantastic photo of look-alikes! In fact our entire staff at the University of Alaska Anchorage Student Union was thrilled with the way the picture turned out and we voted to send it along to you.

As our own Megan Steiner resembles Governor Palin so much, we thought you would like some information about this incredible young college student and future star of Alaska:

Megan Steiner is a 3rd year Nursing and Spanish major at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is the 20-year-old daughter of John Steiner, ASD Board member. Megan is a life-long Alaskan. She plans to pursue her nursing career in the Anchorage area.

She has volunteered at Providence Hospital in the NICU and the Adult Critical Care Unit. She has also volunteered at the Francis Shelter Food Pantry. At UAA she has volunteered to help with the Concert Programs and works in the Student Union.

In high school she was in the Chugiak swing choir and traveled with the group to New York City in 2003, winning the national competition. She is a 2005 graduate of Chugiak High School. Meg has traveled abroad, enjoys the Alaskan outdoors, acting in community theater and improving the quality of life for those around her.

As Megan's supervisor since August 2006, I can assure you she is an intelligent, articulate and incredibly wonderful young woman. As the leader of the state of Alaska, I thought you might like to know about your younger, very gifted "look alike" and feel proud of what Alaska has to offer in this next generation.

For a picture of you and Meg side by side, please go to the site:

<http://187.photobucket.com/albums/k121/zacclark/PalinHalloween.jpg>

Thank you for letting me share a bit about this terrific UAA student!

crickett@uaa.alaska.edu

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 2:22 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Nominate a Teacher Today

From: National Center for Family Literacy [mailto:ToyotaTeacher@familit.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 11:33 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Nominate a Teacher Today

The National Center for Family Literacy
creating a literate nation by leveraging the power of the family



November 6, 2007

**Nominations Sought for 2008
Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year**

The National Center for Family Literacy and Toyota are accepting applications for the 2008 Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year.

For the first time, the application process is online at www.familit.org/ToyotaTeacher.

The deadline to submit nominations is **Dec. 5, 2007**.

The winner will be chosen by a panel of family literacy specialists at NCFL, who will review nominations for high-performing teachers from across the United States.

The selected educator will receive a cash prize for his/her program and a free trip to the 2008 National Conference on Family Literacy, where he/she will be honored at the opening general session on March 30th, 2008, in Louisville. In addition, several finalists will be honored.

Here are the guidelines:

- The online nomination form should be completed by the program director or coordinator
- It must include a statement of support for the nominated educator written by a parent/adult student
- Programs may nominate up to two educators
- Programs and nominated educators do not have to be associated

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- with Toyota-funded programs
- The nominated educator cannot have been a finalist in the past three years

For award information and additional guidelines, go to
www.familit.org/ToyotaTeacher.

Call for Proposals Deadline Extended

NCFL will accept Call for Concurrent Session Proposals through Friday, November 9. To submit your proposal online, go to
www.familit.org/conference.

17th Annual National Conference on Family Literacy
Literacy Grows Families and Communities
March 30, 31 & April 1, 2008
Louisville, Kentucky

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 10:09 AM
To: Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Subject: Re: Road Replacement

Thank you. I really like him. He's a great roads guy.

----- Original Message -----

From: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Tue Nov 06 09:14:07 2007
Subject: RE: Road Replacement

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

He sent me his resume.

I like the feeling I got from him. Seems like a level headed easy man to work with. I think it is 50/50 he would be interested enough to take the job. I will let you know in a week. LEO

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 9:15 AM
To: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Subject: Re: Road Replacement

Thank you

----- Original Message -----

From: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Mon Nov 05 09:14:06 2007
Subject: RE: Road Replacement

As discussed, I will track Privileged down and ask his status. LEO

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 7:35 AM
To: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Road Replacement

Leo- when you get this message pls give me a call so we can discuss MacKinnon's replacement asap. Thanks!

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
To: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Sat Nov 03 06:52:11 2007
Subject: Road Replacement

Hi Leo:

Hope your interview with Privileged went well. I like her. She'd be good.

I have an idea on MacKinnon's replacement. (I got an email yest saying he's resigning.)
Confidentially for now until we get to talk about it: remember Privileged or Personal Material
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Privileged or Personal Material Great reputation within DOT and the public.

Talk to you soon.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 11:51 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Momentum shifts toward oil tax hike

Thanks Ivy! Happy Anniversary to you!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 17:05:16

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Momentum shifts toward oil tax hike

Awesome! 10 days to go...

By the way, this time last year we were getting ready to celebrate your campaign victory!
YOU ARE AWESOME.

Momentum shifts toward oil tax hike

By SEAN COCKERHAM

scockerham@adn.com <mailto:scockerham@adn.com>

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JUNEAU - The stain of corrupt state legislators, reports of big oil company profits and a tremendously popular governor are mixing into a potent political stew that's making it more likely legislators will raise taxes on the oil industry.